



**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE BUILDING
TEMPORARY GUARDHOUSE AT 12th STREET
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

September 1, 2005

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the proposed temporary guardhouse at 12th Street, at the Internal Revenue Service Building, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.24(38.00)41608, for a period not to exceed two years.

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The General Services Administration (GSA) is submitting preliminary and final site and building plans for a temporary guardhouse for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) building located at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW. The proposed temporary guardhouse will replace an existing smaller guard booth located in the same place, immediately south of the 12th Street entrance drive to the building service courtyard. The 100-square-foot guardhouse will provide two compartments, one for two security officers and the other for two inspection canines and canine handler. The officers and canines will inspect and monitor incoming and outgoing service vehicles. The guardhouse will be constructed with metal supports with metal and glass infill panels and placed on a concrete slab. The metal will have a bronze/gray finish. The highest point of the flat roof will be approximately 10 feet above the concrete slab.

Staff has determined that the proposed project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion as specified by Section 8 of the NCPC Environmental Procedures. The DC State Historic Preservation Office concurred with GSA's determination of no adverse effect on February 22, 2005, contingent on final design approval from the Commission of Fine Arts. At their May 19, 2005 meeting, CFA disapproved the submission and delegated final review and approval to their staff. CFA staff reviewed and approved the guardhouse on August 16, 2005.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed and coordinated the proposed project at its meeting on May 11, 2005.

GSA and IRS noted that a comprehensive design for Federal Triangle security elements is underway. Once that project is funded and approved, GSA and IRS will remove the temporary guardhouse. Staff reminds GSA that NCPC policy adopted on January 9, 2003 states that “temporary perimeter security measures may be approved for no more than two years. These approvals will require the applicant to report back to the Commission at the mid-point of the approval period, with a proposed schedule for replacing the temporary measures with a permanent solution in accordance with guidance included in the Urban Design and Security Plan, as adopted by the Commission on October 3, 2002.”

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Executive Director