

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
451 7th Street, SW
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 a Child Development Center, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) building, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC File No. 24.12(38.00)41675.

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The GSA has submitted preliminary and final plans for a child development center at the HUD Building. The HUD building, located in southwest Washington DC, is bounded on the north by D Street, on the south by the Southwest Freeway, on the east by 7th Street, and on the west by 9th Street and the L'Enfant Plaza East Building. The proposed location of the new child care facility is on the first level of the HUD building under the arcade at the southwest corner of the building. The view of this area is screened from the nearby streets by a secured parking lot. The Commission approved the concept for the new Child Development Center at its June, 2005 meeting. The existing Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) child care facility is currently located in the basement of the HUD building at 451 7th Street, SW. This location does not comply with the GSA Child Care Design Guide standards and has a number of life safety issues. Some of these issues include no direct access to the outside, only one means of egress, no natural light, and no infant program. The current enrollment of the program is 44 children. The program of the new facility would include approximately 8,000 square feet. It would have a capacity of 76 children including infants, toddlers, one, two, three, four and pre-kinder garden. A new exterior play area for infants would be provided directly off of the classrooms on the west side of the building. The Coordinating Committee reviewed and coordinated the proposal at its July 13, 2005 meeting. The GSA advises that it has determined that the proposal is a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. GSA further advises that the HUD building is not a designated historic landmark and therefore, not subject to the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

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Executive Director