



**FBI – J. EDGAR HOOVER BUILDING**  
**VISITOR CENTER AND SECURITY UPGRADES**  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

December 30, 2005

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary site and building plans for the proposed FBI Visitor Center and security upgrades located at the J. Edgar Hoover Building, Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.25(38.40)41954.

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The General Services Administration (GSA), on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is submitting preliminary site and building plans for a visitor center and security upgrades for the J. Edgar Hoover building located at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The proposed business visitor center, approximately 6,000 square feet, will occupy an existing three bay wide breezeway which is currently fenced off and inactive. Originally the breezeway connected mid-block pedestrian circulation between Pennsylvania Avenue and the large interior courtyard. The majority of the one story visitor center entrance façade will be in-filled with transparent glass panels and flanked on each end with fritted opaque glass panels with etched FBI seals. The visitor center will provide internal queuing for identification check, screening and badging areas, a waiting area and administrative support spaces. Security upgrades include two proposed employee screening stations, each approximately 500 square feet, to be located adjacent to mid-block pedestrian and vehicular entrances on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW. GSA and FBI have noted that they will coordinate exterior finish selections and details for the visitor center and stations with the FBI Tour Center, which is currently under design development.

Staff has determined the project concept development and proposed implementation adheres to the NCPC Categorical Exclusion requirements under §8(C)(21) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. GSA has initiated Section 106 review with DC SHPO.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed this item at its meeting on December 14, 2005, and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated by all agencies participating.

GSA will be submitting the proposal to the Commission of Fine Arts for review at their January 19, 2006 meeting.

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Executive Director