



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

Delegated Action of the Executive Director
December 1, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the final site and building plans for the proposed FBI Visitor Center and security upgrades located at the J. Edgar Hoover Building, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.25(38.40)42146.

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The General Services Administration (GSA), on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is submitting final 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, exterior 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 dark bronze aluminum storefront and flanked on each end bay with granite veneer panels and two 42-inch diameter, dark bronze FBI seals. A metal canopy, to align with and match the existing metal fascia, will project 30-inches from the building face at the center bay. The canopy will replicate the building identification sign band currently located on the existing fascia. The proposed 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 underneath the building and integrated into the existing mid-block pedestrian and vehicular entrances on 9th and 10th Streets, NW. The stations will be finished with dark bronze aluminum storefront and dark bronze aluminum panels.

GSA has concluded that the project qualifies for a categorical exclusion. Staff has determined the project and proposed implementation meets the NCPC Categorical Exclusion requirements under §8(C)(21) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and

Procedures. On November 7, 2006, the DC State Historic Preservation Office concurred with GSA's determination of no adverse effect to the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site and the adjacent historic L'Enfant streets.

On December 14, 2005 the Coordinating Committee reviewed this proposed project and forwarded it to the Commission with the statement that the project was coordinated by all agencies participating.

Previously, through delegated authority, the Executive Director approved the preliminary submission for the proposed project at the January 5, 2006 Commission meeting.

At its November 16, 2006 meeting the Commission of Fine Arts approved the final design submission for the proposed project.

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