
VISITOR CENTER AND GATE HOUSE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

100 Bureau Drive
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Delegated Action of the Acting Executive Director

April 25, 2008

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. §8722(b)(1), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the proposed National Institute of Standards and Technology visitor center and gate house located at 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3115.00(38.00)42521.

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The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for a new visitor center and gate house located at 100 Bureau Drive in Gaithersburg, Maryland to process all non-badged personnel. The permanent facilities will replace an existing temporary trailer and gravel parking area.

The proposed visitor center will be approximately 2,030 square feet and be constructed as a masonry building with face brick and metal panels. Brick was selected to be consistent with the surrounding buildings; the metal panels were chosen to resemble the exterior details of the new Advanced Measurements Laboratory building at NIST. The gate house is about 350 square feet and is also a masonry building with face brick and metal panels to resemble the visitor center. A stone base wall will also be installed to add protection from accidental vehicular damage. The visitor and gate house will be located north of the current structure in order to improve traffic flow. The existing parking lots will be removed and a new paved parking lot will be installed. The new parking lot will be the same size as the existing and will be used only for visitors.

NIST has determined that the project adheres to the conditions of the Department of Commerce Categorical Exclusion 6.03.c.3 (g) under the National Environmental Policy Act, for a facility improvement or addition with limited ground disturbance. NIST has also determined that the project does not have an adverse effect on any buildings listed on the National Register of

Historic Places; therefore, further Section 106 review is not required. For federal projects in the environs, NCPC does not have independent NEPA and Section 106 responsibility.

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Acting Executive Director