

**MID-SOUTH LABORATORY ANNEX**  
**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD STATION ALEXANDRIA**

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**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 comment favorably on the concept design for the new Mid-South Laboratory Annex at the United States Coast Guard Station in Alexandria Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2204.00(38.00)42493.

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The Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard (CG) has requested comments on the concept design for the new Mid-South Laboratory Annex at CG Telecommunication and Information Systems Command (TISCOM). TISCOM is the landlord for the Coast Guard headquarters unit and provides support services to its tenant commands including CG Navigation Center, CG Investigative Service, and CG Honor Guard. The services include telecommunications and information system products and services for Coast Guard units and missions.

The Mid-South Laboratory Annex will be constructed in the south campus area, which is comprised of three buildings; Building L15 (Smokehouse), Building L11 (Mid-South Building) and Building L02 (South Lab Building). The three-building cluster is bordered by designated upland wetland areas to the northeast and southeast, and a wetland/wooded area to the north.

The new Annex will be a single-story building of 5,700 square feet. The project site is northeast of Building L11. This site is open, flat, grassy, and contains minimal vegetation which will need to be cleared prior to construction. The new Annex will be a wood framed structure with brick veneer and will meet the LEED “Certified” standards of sustainable design. Four basic spaces make up the new Annex building: Office/Office Support, Special Program, Personnel Support, and Facility Support.

The Commission approved the master plan for the US Coast Guard Telecommunication and Information Systems Command in 1997. The proposed annex is consistent with the master plan and is appropriately located within the established compound. The initial concept design also appears to be compatible with the existing brick buildings on the south campus.

For the applicant's preliminary and final submission, more detailed drawings with floor plans are required in addition documentation of the Coast Guard's compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

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