PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
JAMES L. WATSON U.S. COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE
NEW YORK, NY

Prospectus Number: PNY-C0282-NY16
Congressional District: 08

FY2016 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a repair and alteration project to upgrade the façade of the U.S. Court of International Trade at the James L. Watson Court of International Trade (CIT) building located in the 26 Federal Plaza Complex in New York, NY. The proposed façade upgrades will bring the building into compliance with the Interagency Security Council's (ISC's) Security Criteria.

This project was among those previously included in GSA's FY 2014 Capital Investment Program. The prospectus was not approved by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and no funds were appropriated. GSA is resubmitting the project in FY 2016 with a revised scope and budget.

FY2016 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested

(Design, ECC, M&I) $5,536,000

Major Work Items

Exterior construction

Project Budget

Design	$ 569,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	3,682,000
Management and Inspection (M&I)	1,285,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)	**$5,536,000**

Schedule

	Start	End
Design and Construction	FY2016	FY2018

Building

The Watson CIT is an approximately 175,000 gross-square-foot modern-styled glass-curtain-wall clad building constructed in 1968 as a federal courthouse and office building to house the U.S. Court of International Trade (USCIT). The courthouse has eight above-grade floors and a basement floor, and a basement parking garage with 40 parking spaces. It is connected to the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building and annex with a four-story pedestrian bridge. The two buildings together comprise the 26 Federal Plaza Federal Complex.

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Tenant Agencies

Judiciary – U.S. Court of International Trade

Proposed Project

The proposed project consists of the application of a wet glazed blast film to the vision glass panels of the Watson CIT façade and the installation of metal screen protection at a limited number of glass panels, and the abatement and containment of hazardous materials encountered during the project. The proposed work will comply with a "medium level of protection" as defined by the 2010 U.S. Government Interagency Security Committee's (ISC) Criteria. The upgrade will be designed so that the USCIT can remain in the building during project construction.

Major Work Items

Metal Barriers Installation	$1,475,000
Vision Glass Panel Upgrades	1,263,000
Hazardous Materials Containment/Abatement	944,000
Total ECC	**$3,682,000**

Justification

The proximity of the Watson CIT to other high profile federal buildings and courthouses elevate the building's security risk. The proposed work will provide the "medium level of protection" as defined by the U.S. Government Interagency Security Committee's (ISC) criteria, providing a safer work environment for USCIT.

Summary of Energy Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service and will implement strategies to meet the Guiding Principles for High Performance and Sustainable Buildings. GSA encourages design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency above the minimum performance criteria.

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Prior Appropriations

None

Prior Committee Approvals

None

Prior Prospectus-Level Projects in Building (past 10 years)

Prospectus	Description	FY	Amount
PNY-0282-NY06	Security pavilion construction	2006	$10,441,000

Alternatives Considered (30-year, present value cost analysis)

There are no feasible alternatives to this project. This is a limited scope renovation and the cost of the proposed project is far less than the cost of leasing or constructing a new building.

Recommendation

ALTERATION

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Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on February 2, 2015

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration