



**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC 20515**

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**AMENDED COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

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**ADDITIONAL DESIGN**  
**U.S. LAND PORT OF ENTRY**  
**COLUMBUS, NM**  
**PNM-BSC-CO14**

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for additional design of new replacement land port of entry (LPOE) facilities in Columbus, New Mexico at an additional design cost of \$7,400,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure resolution of April 5, 2006 authorizing appropriations as proposed in Prospectus Number PNM-BSD-CO07.*

*Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.*

Adopted: July 16, 2014

Bill Shuster, M.C.  
Chairman

**PROSPECTUS – ADDITIONAL DESIGN  
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COLUMBUS, NM**

Prospectus Number: PNM-BSC-CO14  
Congressional District: 2

**FY 2014 Project Summary**

The General Services Administration (GSA) requests approval for additional design of new replacement land port of entry (LPOE) facilities in Columbus, NM.

The additional design funds are needed to reflect updated agency requirements since the original design authorization and to incorporate extensive site improvements needed to address significant storm water drainage issues at the port.

**FY 2014 Committee Approval Requested (Additional Design)..... \$7,400,000<sup>1</sup>**

**FY 2014 Appropriation Requested..... \$0<sup>2</sup>**

**Overview of Project**

The Columbus LPOE was built in 1989 to screen visitors entering the United States. Existing building workspace, inspection facilities and parking capacity do not meet the tenant agency’s operational need. The tenant has identified a current requirement of 69,243 gross square feet of building space while the existing facility provides 21,370 gross square feet. The project will consist of expanding existing facilities to handle future traffic volumes predicted for this port and site improvements to control storm water flow.

<sup>1</sup> GSA has worked closely with DHS program offices responsible for developing and implementing security technology at the land ports of entry (LPOEs). These programs include United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT), Radiation Portal Monitors (RPMs), Advanced Spectroscopic Portal (ASPs) monitors, and Land Border Integration (formerly Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)), Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII), Outbound Inspection, and Port Hardening/Absconder programs. This prospectus contains the funding of infrastructure requirements for each program known at the time of prospectus development since these programs are at various stages of development and implementation. Additional funding by a Reimbursable Work Authorization (RWA) may be required to provide for as yet unidentified elements of each of these programs to be implemented at this port.

<sup>2</sup> Funding provided via GSA reprogramming and approved by House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

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The project includes construction of a new main building, non-commercial primary and secondary inspection facilities, pedestrian processing, a kennel, commercial inspection facilities, export facilities, non-intrusive inspection (NII) systems, hazardous materials containment area, a new earthen berm and drainage basin, and enlargement of an existing culvert. The project also includes the expansion of primary and secondary inspection space and outside vehicle parking. Additionally, the relocation of an existing canopy structure and building and new paving for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration are included in the project.

**Site Information**

Government-Owned..... 14.72 acres

**Building Area**

Building (including canopies).....69,243 gsf  
Building (excluding canopies) .....48,415 gsf  
Outside parking spaces .....106

**Cost Information**

Site Development Costs<sup>3</sup> .....\$35,348,000  
Building Costs (includes inspection canopies) (\$387/gsf).....\$30,112,000

**Project Budget**

Design (FY 2007 and FY 2009).....\$3,338,395  
Additional Design<sup>4</sup> .....7,400,000  
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC) .....65,460,000  
Management and Inspection (M&I).....5,864,000  
**Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)\*.....\$82,062,395**

\*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for emerging technologies and alterations above the standard normally provided by the GSA.

<sup>3</sup>Site development costs include grading, utilities, paving, demolition of existing facilities, drainage ponds and culverts (including piping and structures), lighting, and fencing.

<sup>4</sup>The additional design funds are needed to reflect updated agency requirements since design was originally authorized and to incorporate extensive site improvements needed to address significant storm water drainage issues at the port.

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**Location**

The site is bordered on the west by New Mexico State Highway 11 and on the east by a bypass road, approximately 3 miles south of the village of Columbus, New Mexico, adjacent to the city of Palomas, Mexico.

<b><u>Schedule</u></b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>Design</b>	FY 2014	FY 2016
<b>Construction</b>	FY 2016	FY 2019

**Tenant Agencies**

Department of Homeland Security – Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; U.S. Department of Agriculture – Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine; U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and General Services Administration.

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**Justification**

Since its construction in 1989, screening at the Columbus LPOE has increased significantly and advances in technology have led to significant changes in the inspection process. The LPOE continues to experience an increase in commercial traffic, with anticipated additional growth over the next 15 years.

The gross square footage requirement for this facility has been reduced by 44,959 square feet from the 114,202 square feet authorized for design. Since design was authorized in 2006, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has developed a new design guide, conducted a Strategic Resource Assessment, and devised a program of requirements that supersedes the requirements identified in the feasibility study. Additionally, the Border Patrol Processing Center is no longer part of the project. Parking numbers increased to provide for referral parking, visitors to the port, and parking needs for the kennel.

The project, as originally authorized, included expansion and renovation of the existing main building. This prospectus proposes a new main building rather than renovation of the existing building, thus increasing the setback from the border. Constructing a new main building improves security, facilitates traffic and queuing, and expands critical drainage ways.

Expansions to the LPOE since its original construction have ultimately impaired future traffic movement throughout the site. Efforts are underway by the Government of Mexico to relocate port facilities south of the border further east. The construction of a bypass road to access these new crossings was completed in 2011. New commercial traffic circulation resulting from the addition of the bypass road will be accommodated in the port expansion project.

The LPOE has experienced significant flooding during high volume rainfall events. In the past decade, the area has been inundated multiple times which has subsequently elevated the flooding problem to the attention of both the U.S. and Mexican Governments and the State of New Mexico. Improvements to the LPOE will protect new and existing structures, retain all new onsite storm water, and convey storm water flows across the site. The proposed site drainage and grading improvements have a significant cost; however, the work is necessary in order for the project to proceed and to the LPOE to maintain operations.

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**Summary of Energy Compliance**

The project will be designed to conform to requirements of the Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service and 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.

**Prior Appropriations**

<b>Columbus Land Port of Entry Prior Appropriations</b>			
Public Law	Fiscal Year	Amount	Purpose
110-5	2007	\$2,629,000	Design
111-5	2009 (ARRA)	\$709,395	Design
Reprogram	2014	\$7,400,000	Design
<b>Appropriations to Date</b>		<b>\$10,738,395</b>	

**Prior Committee Approvals**

<b>Columbus Land Port of Entry Prior Committee Approvals</b>			
Committee	Date	Amount	Purpose
House T & I	4/5/2006	\$2,629,000	Design
Senate EPW	5/23/2006	\$2,629,000	Design
Senate EPW	12/8/11	\$59,598,000	M&I = \$4,900,000; Construction = \$54,698,000
<b>House Approvals to Date*</b>		<b>\$3,338,395</b>	
<b>Senate Approvals to Date*</b>		<b>\$62,936,395</b>	

\* Approvals to Date include \$709,395 via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA); authorization is inherent in the Public Law (PL 111-5 – Recovery Act).

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**Alternatives Considered**

GSA owns and maintains the existing facilities at this port of entry; thus, no alternative other than Federal construction was considered.

**Recommendation**

ADDITIONAL DESIGN

**Certification of Need**

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

Submitted at Washington, DC, on June 20, 2014

Recommended:   
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:   
Administrator, General Services Administration

June 2014

Housing Plan  
Columbus Land Port of Entry

PNM-BSC-C014  
Columbus, NM

Locations	CURRENT				PROPOSED				
	Personnel Office	Personnel Total	Office Square Foot (USF)	Storage Special	Personnel Office	Personnel Total	Office Square Foot (USF)	Storage Special	Total
Columbus, NM LPOE									
DHS - Customs and Border Protection	53	53	5,310	-	54	54	7,236	2,110	44,836
DHS - Immigration and Customs Enforcement	-	-	-	9,817	4	4	590	-	590
GSA-PBS, Field Offices	1	1	191	-	1	1	460	433	893
HHS-Food and Drug Administration	1	1	480	480	1	1	215	201	416
Joint Use	-	-	1,640	451	0	0	-	-	-
USDA - APHIS	2	2	504	458	2	2	259	234	493
DOT-Federal Motor Carrier Safety	1	1	340	1,019	1	1	340	1,019	1,359
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>11,745</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>2,543</b>	<b>57,933</b>

Note: The total proposed USF reflects a reduction of 35,772 USF from the originally authorized project.

1 USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.

Special Space	USF
Laboratory	616
Holding Cell	482
Restroom	1,089
Locker/Physical Fitness	949
ADP	168
Food Service	165
Hardened Space	1,189
Vault	502
Booth	205
Kennels	962
Inspection Bay/Dock	16,052
Hazardous Materials Storage	2,826
Processing Area	198
Mail Rooms	99
Inspection Canopy	20,828
Secured Storage	160
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,290</b>

113<sup>th</sup> Congress  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session

**United States Senate**  
**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

**AMENDED COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

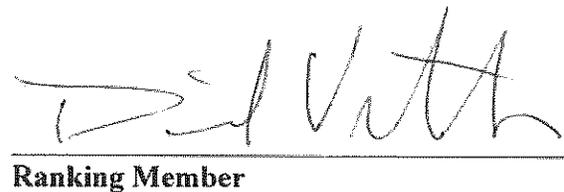
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**RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE**

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. §3307, a prospectus providing for additional design of the U.S. Land Port of Entry in Columbus, NM, to reflect updated agency requirements and incorporate site improvements necessary to address storm water drainage issues, at a cost not to exceed \$7,400,000 for design, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved. This resolution amends the Committee on Environment and Public Works resolution passed on May 23, 2006.

*Provided*, that the Administrator shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: September 18, 2014