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## United States Senate COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

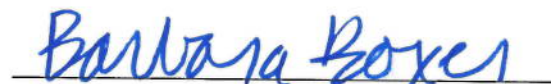
**ALTERATION  
JAMES L. WATSON U.S. COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
NEW YORK, NY  
PNY-C0282-NY16**

### **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 repairs and alterations 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, at a cost not to exceed \$569,000 for design; \$3,682,000 for construction; and a management and inspection cost of \$1,285,000, for a total cost of \$5,536,000, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

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

  
**Chairman**

  
**Ranking Member**

**Adopted: May 18, 2016**

**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) .....	<u>1,285,000</u>
<b>Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC) .....</b>	<b><u>\$5,536,000</u></b>

**Schedule**

	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
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	<u>944,000</u>
<b>Total ECC</b>	<b>\$3,682,000</b>

**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**

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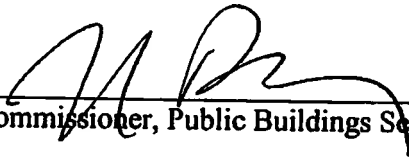
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**Certification of Need**

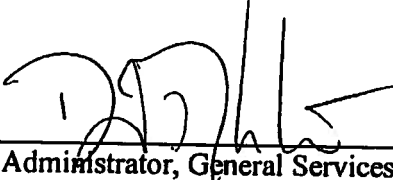
The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on February 2, 2015

Recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Administrator, General Services Administration