

## Federal Property Management Regulations

## § 101-18.104

needs cannot be satisfactorily met in Government-controlled space and:

(1) Leasing proves to be more advantageous than the construction of a new or alteration of an existing Federal building;

(2) New construction or alteration is not warranted because requirements in the community are insufficient or indefinite in scope or duration; or

(3) Completion of a new building within a reasonable time cannot be ensured.

(b) Available space in buildings under the custody and control of the United States Postal Service (USPS) will be given priority consideration in fulfilling Federal agency space needs.

(c) Acquisition of space by lease will be on the basis most favorable to the Government, with due consideration to maintenance and operational efficiency, and only at charges consistent with prevailing scales for comparable facilities in the community.

(d) Acquisition of space by lease will be by negotiation except where the sealed bid procedure is required by 41 U.S.C. 253(a). Except as otherwise provided in 41 U.S.C. 253, full and open competition will be obtained among suitable available locations meeting minimum Government requirements.

(e) When acquiring space by lease, the provisions of §101-17.205 regarding determination of the location of Federal facilities shall be strictly adhered to.

(f) When acquiring space by lease, the provisions of section 110(a) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470), as amended, regarding the use of historic properties shall be strictly adhered to.

### § 101-18.101 Acquisition by GSA.

(a) GSA will perform all functions of leasing building space, and land incidental thereto, for Federal agencies except as provided in this subpart.

(b) Officials or employees of agencies for which GSA will acquire leased space shall at no time, before or after a space request is submitted to GSA or after a lease agreement is made, directly or indirectly contact lessors, offerors, or potential offerors for the purpose of making oral or written representation or commitments or agree-

ments with respect to the terms of occupancy of particular space, tenant improvements, alterations and repairs, or payment for overtime services, unless authorized by the Director of the Real Estate Division in the responsible GSA regional office or facility support center.

### § 101-18.102 Acquisition by other agencies.

(a) Acquisitions of leased space by agencies possessing independent statutory authority to acquire such space are not subject to GSA approval or authority.

(b) Upon request, GSA will perform, on a reimbursable basis, all functions of leasing building space, and land incidental thereto, for Federal agencies possessing independent leasing authority.

(c) GSA reserves the right to accept or reject reimbursable leasing service requests on a case-by-case basis.

### § 101-18.103 Agency cooperation.

The heads of executive agencies shall:

(a) Cooperate with and assist the Administrator of General Services in carrying out his responsibilities respecting office buildings and space;

(b) Take measures to give GSA early notice of new or changing space requirements;

(c) Seek to economize their requirements for space; and

(d) Continuously review their needs for space in and near the District of Columbia, taking into account the feasibility of decentralizing services or activities which can be carried on elsewhere without excessive costs or significant loss of efficiency.

### § 101-18.104 Delegation of leasing authority.

(a) Agencies are authorized to perform for themselves all functions with respect to the acquisition of leased space in buildings and land incidental thereto when the following conditions are met:

(1) The space may be leased for no rental, or for a nominal consideration of \$1.00 per annum, and shall be limited to terms not to exceed one (1) year;