PROSPECTUS – LEASE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY **CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OUEENS, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-03-QU19 **Congressional District:** 05

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 140,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), currently located at Building 77 at the JFK Airport in Queens, NY.

The lease will provide continued housing for CBP and will improve the office and overall space utilization from 142 to 84 and 241 to 212 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

	Occupant:	CBP
	Current Rentable Square Feet (RSF)	145,912 (Current RSF/USF = 1.15)
	Estimated Maximum RSF:	140,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.15)
	Reduction RSF:	5,912
	Current USF/Person:	241
	Estimated USF/Person:	212
	Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	06/30/2021
	Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
	Delineated Area:	North: Intersection of Lefferts Blvd. and
		S. Conduit Rd. heading east to Rockaway
		Blvd. then heading east to Brookville
		Blvd; West: Lefferts Blvd; East: Head of
		Bay; South: Jamaica Bay
	Number of Official Parking Spaces:	208
	Scoring:	Operating
	Current Total Annual Cost:	\$8,244,028 (leases effective 06/19/1992)
	Estimated Rental Rate ¹ :	\$79.00 / RSF
	Estimated Total Annual Cost ² :	\$11,060,000

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2021 and may be escalated by 2% percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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Background

CBP currently occupies approximately 145,912 RSF of space in Building 77 at JFK Airport in Queens, NY. CBP at JFK Airport covers the diverse operational demands of 5 international passenger terminals, 1 International Mail Facility (IMF), 24 air cargo facilities, 80 containerized freight stations, 2 general order warehouses, 14 bonded warehouses, 3 foreign trade zones, and 5 general aviation facilities. This facility functions much more like a port of entry than an office location.

The CBP operation at JFK Airport monitors half the cargo imported into the United States as well as over 10 million passengers a year. CBP's ability to effectively and safely manage this extensive operation is facilitated by close physical proximity to the airport. Transporting narcotics, currency, and inadmissible aliens and criminals to off-airport locations for processing would pose security risks, decrease effectiveness, and unnecessarily reduce the time dedicated to CBP's enforcement mission. The proposed delineated area maintains the agency's proximity to the airport.

Justification

This replacement lease will provide CBP with the opportunity to increase space utilization efficiency to accommodate additional personnel in field operations, internal affairs, and the international trade office.

The current lease expires on June 30, 2021, and CBP requires continued housing to perform its mission.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

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Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

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

Submitted at Washington, DC, on April 29, 2019.

Recommended:

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:

Administrator, General Services Administration