



DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
1010 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1010

SEP 8 2003

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

In accordance with Section 2811 of title 10, United States Code, I am notifying you of the Department's intent to proceed with a repair project for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. The project will restore and modernize the Fremont Building located at the Bethesda, Maryland site.

The total repair cost for the five-story, 96,000 square foot building is estimated at \$11.1 million and will address four basic issues: (1) failing heating, ventilating, air conditioning, plumbing, fire, and electrical infrastructures; (2) compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards; (3) building envelope energy criteria; and (4) appropriate office space for a technological workforce. The project meets the criteria for using the authority provided by Section 2811.

As requested in the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 5011, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2003, House Report 107-731, the Department will not proceed with this repair project until the expiration of 21 days following this notification. The enclosure provides additional information regarding the project.

A similar letter has been sent to appropriate congressional defense committees.

Sincerely,

Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member



1. COMPONENT NIMA	FY 2003 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DATA			2. DATE May 2003	
3. INSTALLATION AND LOCATION Bethesda, MD		4. PROJECT TITLE Restore & Modernize Fremont Building			
5. PROGRAM ELEMENT	6. CATEGORY CODE 610	7. PROJECT NUMBER	8. PROJECT COST (\$000) \$11,100		
9. COST ESTIMATES					
ITEM		U/M	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST (\$000)
Repair Fremont Building-Phase 1			1	LS	\$4,900
Repair/Replacement-Phase 2			1	LS	\$6,200
Project Total					\$11,100
<p>10. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION: The Fremont Building restoration and modernization project is driven by the age and deteriorated condition of the building's 1943 infrastructure and the need to provide a safe and healthy office environment for NIMA employees. The project recapitalizes the facility to comply with current facility and safety criteria, standards, codes, and regulations. Phase 1 renovates the building's utilities, service areas, the basement and fourth floor. The basement and 4th floors are critical since they house the main mechanical and electrical services, along with usable administrative spaces. Phase 2 will renovate the first, second, and third floors.</p>					
<p>11. REQUIREMENT:</p> <p>PROJECT: This project will restore and modernize the Fremont Building. Scope includes Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; plumbing; electrical; and architectural repairs and replacement. Also included is the installation of a passenger elevator, to meet ADA requirements.</p> <p>REQUIREMENT: The Fremont Building houses NIMA Acquisition, Facilities Management, Geospatial Intelligence Contracting, and Training functions. All of these functions require modern, adequate facilities to meet their technology-based missions.</p> <p>CURRENT SITUATION: The Fremont Building has had limited renovation and repair since its construction in 1943, and at one time was planned to be closed during previous Agency downsizing. Recently NIMA has been authorized additional civilian and contract manpower, requiring the facility to remain in the inventory. Consequently, the mechanical, electrical and architectural systems are in need of extensive repair and replacement. At present, the air distribution system has become noisy and climate control is extremely difficult in many areas of the building. Further, the basement area does not have air conditioning, severely limiting its use, as the vast majority of the components are at, or beyond, the end of their useful design life. The building is not equipped with a passenger elevator, limiting accessibility.</p> <p>IMPACT IF NOT PROVIDED: The facility will not be able to support the NIMA's expanding need for adequate facilities and comply with NIMA strategic objective of providing a world-class infrastructure for its employees.</p> <p>OTHER:</p>					



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