FACTSHEET- CONSTRUCTION SOUTHEAST FEDERAL CENTER REMEDIATION WASHINGTON, DC

Description

The Southeast Federal Center (SEFC) is a 53-acre site¹ in the southeast quadrant of the District of Columbia along the Anacostia River. Through Public Law 106-407, the "Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000," Congress authorized the General Services Administration (GSA) to redevelop this property by entering into agreements with private entities to enhance the value of the site to the Federal Government.

The site consists of two parcels. The first parcel, which contains 11 acres, was redeveloped through the construction of a new 1.35 million square foot facility that was leased to GSA to serve as the Department of Transportation headquarters. The United States acquired this facility in March 2020 by exercising a purchase option under the lease. The second parcel is approximately 42 acres and under redevelopment by Brookfield Properties, a private company and successor to Forest City Washington, pursuant to a development agreement for a mixture of uses.

Project Background

Remediation of environmental contamination has been underway at this site for several years to comply with a Consent Decree from the U.S. District Court in Washington, DC. GSA will continue to fund mitigation requirements related to a Consent Order from the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to section 3013 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, 42 U.S.C. § 6934, and the provisions of the development agreement with Brookfield Properties, the successor to Forest City Washington. Compliance with the remediation requirements of the Consent Decree, the Consent Order, and the development agreement are necessary to enable the site to be redeveloped and will continue until all the remediation requirements have been satisfied. To date, \$75,856,500 has been appropriated in support of remediation activities for the SEFC. The last appropriation GSA received was in the amount of \$15 million in fiscal year (FY) 2010.

Prior Funding²

•	Public Law 104-208 (FY 1997) appropriated	\$20,000,000
•	Public Law 105-277 (FY 1999) appropriated	\$10,000,000
•	GSA project budget escalation (FY 2000)	\$1,734,500
•	Public Law 107-067 (FY 2002) appropriated	\$5,000,000

¹The original SEFC parcel contained approximately 55 acres. Approximately two acres, contiguous with the Washington Navy Yard, were returned to the Department of Defense, Department of the Navy.

² This project was submitted as part of GSA's FY 2017, FY 2019, FY 2020, and FY 2021 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs; however, no appropriations were received.

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•	Public Law 108-007 (FY 2003) appropriated	\$6,472,000
•	Public Law 108-447 (FY 2005) appropriated	\$2,650,000
•	Public Law 109-115 (FY 2006) appropriated	\$15,000,000
•	Public Law 111-117 (FY 2010) appropriated	\$15,000,000