

Under the Endangered Species Act, GSA, as part of the 2024 Final EIS, coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) per section 7 requirements to determine effects to federally protected species. The USFWS concurred with GSA findings that the 2024 Final EIS preferred alternative would not likely adversely affect federally threatened or endangered species. GSA is currently consulting with USFWS regarding the Proposed Action. GSA will follow all conservation measures recommended by USFWS, including any new measures recommended for this project. Correspondence with USFWS to date is incorporated in the Final SEIS. Updates will be included in the ROD.

Because the project area is within a floodplain and in compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), GSA prepared a Floodplain Assessment and Statement of Findings addressing potential impacts on floodplains, which provides a FONPA for construction within floodplains. Based on this assessment the realignment of the Rose Avenue channel segment is not anticipated to affect the floodplain's capacity to store water or result in the potential to further expand the floodplain or increase the spread or intensity of a flood event. In addition, it is anticipated that the Proposed Action would not result in significant adverse impacts from the removal of existing Special Hazard Flood Areas that correspond with the regulatory floodway, or from any potential establishment of new Special Hazard Flood Areas. The Floodplain Assessment and Statement of Findings was provided for public review as part of the Draft SEIS and is included in the Final SEIS.

Final SEIS Wait Period

The views and comments of the public are necessary in helping GSA in its decision-making process with impacts to environmental and cultural impacts. Any final comments received will be considered equally and will become part of the public record. Further information on the project, including an electronic copy of the Final SEIS, may also be found online at the following website: <https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/gsa-regions/region-9-pacific-rim/land-ports-of-entry/>

raul-hector-castro-land-port-of-entry/environmental-review.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for a New Federal Courthouse in Hartford, Connecticut

AGENCY: New England Region, Public Buildings Service (PBS), U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a Record of Decision (ROD) on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Construction of a New Federal Courthouse in Hartford, Connecticut on June 20, 2025. The ROD was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the GSA PBS NEPA Desk Guide.

DATES: *Applicable:* Friday June 20, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The ROD may be found online at the following website: www.gsa.gov/hartfordcourthouse.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Mulligan, GSA Project Manager, by telephone at 312-505-5426 or by email at HartfordCourthouse@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Abraham A. Ribicoff Federal Building and Courthouse (or Ribicoff Federal Building and Courthouse) in Hartford, Connecticut, constructed in 1963, does not have the capacity to accommodate the functions and operations of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut (the Court). The facility's size and configuration are inadequate for the Court's existing operations, including deficiencies in judicial, juror, and detainee circulation and overall facility security. The Court currently operates at three facilities: the Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse in New Haven (its headquarters location), the Brien McMahon Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Bridgeport, and the Ribicoff Federal Building and Courthouse.

To address these issues, GSA is proposing to locate the Court and related agencies at a new courthouse in Hartford (the Project). The purpose of the Project is to meet the current and long-term needs of the Court and related agencies by providing an adequate number of courtrooms, judges' chambers, and administrative office space in Hartford, and to ensure efficient judicial operations across the state. The Project is needed because the Ribicoff Federal Building and Courthouse does not have the capacity to accommodate the Court's functions and operations.

On May 26, 2023, GSA published a Notice of Intent for the EIS, subject to a 42-day scoping period. On November 1, 2024, GSA issued a Draft EIS, subject to a 46-day public comment period. Comments received, along with GSA's responses, during the Final EIS 30-day Wait Period, which ended on June 9, 2025, are provided in Attachments 1 and 2 of the ROD.

Preferred Alternative

As noted in the ROD, GSA has chosen to implement Alternative 2, Allyn Site, as the Preferred Alternative. This decision is based on the Final EIS issued on May 9, 2025; associated technical reports; comments from federal and state agencies, stakeholders, members of the public, and elected officials; and other resources contained in the administrative record.

Under Alternative 2, GSA will acquire the Allyn Site (2.19 acres comprising 10 tax parcels), located at 154 Allyn Street, and construct a federal courthouse with the following key features: (a) up to 281,000 total building gross square footage; (b) 11 courtrooms and 18 judges' chambers; (c) offices for the Court and related agencies; and (d) 66 secure parking spaces.

The Allyn Site is currently a surface parking lot with gates. Under Alternative 2, a new courthouse, containing up to two levels of underground secure parking, will be constructed on the Allyn Site. The automatic gates for entry/exit of vehicles and the paved asphalt parking will be removed prior to construction. The majority of the Allyn Site will be excavated and graded in preparation for construction, while approximately 0.25 acres may be used for staging. GSA may lease a vacant paved area near the Allyn Site for staging purposes due to the limited space available at the site. The Project will generate approximately 50,000 to 75,000 cubic yards of excavated materials. A new landscape plan will be developed using native plantings. There appears to be adequate

public parking in proximity to the Allyn Site; however, GSA may pursue options to provide additional parking, such as entering into a lease with a commercial parking operator.

The design of the new courthouse is anticipated to begin in mid-2026, and the 3-year construction period is likely to commence in 2027. The new courthouse is expected to be completed and fully occupied by 2030. The exact sequence and timeline of construction activities (e.g., site preparation, excavation, etc.) will be determined during design.

GSA intends to implement and comply with all mitigation measures and best management practices as detailed in the ROD.

Further information about the project can be viewed at: <http://gsa.gov/hartfordcourthouse>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS-10501, CMS-10846 and CMS-10578]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden,

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 19, 2025.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: _____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS-10501 Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership (HFPP): Data Sharing and Information Exchange
CMS-10846 Medicare Part D Manufacturer Discount Program
CMS-10578 Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Providers Participating Providers and Suppliers

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor.

The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of currently approved collection; *Title:* Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership (HFPP) Data Sharing and Information Exchange; *Use:* Section 1128C(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7c(a)(2)) authorizes the Secretary and the Attorney General to consult, and arrange for the sharing of data with, representatives of health plans for purposes of establishing a Fraud and Abuse Control Program as specified in Section 1128(C)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act. The result of this authority has been the establishment of the HFPP. The HFPP was officially established by a Charter in the fall of 2012 and signed by HHS Secretary Sibelius and U.S. Attorney General Holder. In December 2020, President Trump signed into law H.R.133—Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, which amended Section 1128C(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7c(a)) providing explicit statutory authority for the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership including the potential expansion of the public-private partnership analyses.

Data sharing within the HFPP primarily focuses on conducting studies for the purpose of combatting fraud, waste, and abuse. These studies are intended to target specific vulnerabilities within the payment systems in both the public and private healthcare sectors. The HFPP and its committees design and develop studies in coordination with the TTP. The core function of the TTP is to manage and execute the HFPP studies within the HFPP. *Form Number:* CMS-10501 (OMB control number: 0938-1251); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private sector (Business or other for-profits); *Number of Respondents:* 28; *Number of Responses:* 28; *Total Annual Hours:* 120. (For questions regarding this collection, contact Maricruz Bonfante at (410-786-5086).