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GSA SUBMITS \$5.55 BILLION SPENDING PROPOSAL TO CONGRESS

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The General Services Administration (“GSA”) announced yesterday that it has submitted a \$5.55 billion spending proposal to Congress detailing the public building projects it plans to undertake with the newly allocated stimulus funds. The complete list of projects includes \$733 million for the construction of federal buildings and courthouses, and over \$4.2 billion for the conversion of federal buildings into high-performance green buildings.

While the projects have been distributed across the country, with every state receiving at least one project, the District of Columbia is by far the nation’s top beneficiary of GSA spending, receiving \$1.2 billion of the \$5.55 billion proposal—more than one-fifth of total funds. This includes over \$755 million for the modernization of existing government buildings within the District and \$250 million for the construction of the new Department of Homeland Security facility.

GSA’s top priority in selecting each project for funding has been to create and/or maintain jobs. Accordingly, GSA announced that the first \$1 billion in contracts will be awarded over the next 120 days, and that all contracts will be awarded within the next two years.

A complete list of projects is available at:

http://www.gsa.gov/graphics/pbs/American_Recovery_and_Reinvestment_Act_2009.pdf.

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Howrey’s construction lawyers have extensive experience in the pre-bid process for government contracts and can provide valuable assistance in the preparation of contract documents and other materials. We have worked on all types of construction projects, including buildings, stadiums, and large infrastructure projects.

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