



September 18, 2017

Re: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Assessment and Cultural Resources Assessment for the Proposed Federal Courthouse, Anniston, Alabama

Dear Interested Party,

The United States General Services Administration (GSA) prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Cultural Resources Assessment (CRA) for the acquisition of a site and the construction of a new U.S. Courthouse in Anniston, Alabama. The GSA prepared this Draft EA in accordance with Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 C.F.R. §§ 1500-15-8), and the GSA Public Buildings Service NEPA Desk Guide (October 1999). GSA will also be consulting under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C.300101 et seq. and intends to partially fulfill the Section 106 public notification and consultation requirements through the NEPA process.

The GSA plans to acquire a site for the construction of a Courthouse within the Urban Core in Anniston, Alabama. The Draft EA evaluated a range of alternatives for this courthouse. Alternates include:

1. Taking no action;
2. Construction of the Courthouse on Block 148 (the current City Hall site);
3. Construction of the Courthouse on Block 149 (bounded by Gurnee Avenue, 11th Street, Moore Avenue, and 10th Street); and
4. Construction of the Courthouse on Block 151/159, (bounded by 14th Street, Moore Avenue, 13th Street, and Grove Street).

The Draft EA and CRA are available online at the following links:

obg.com/ea_text

obg.com/ea_cra

A copy of each document is also available at the following location:

Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County Central Library
108 E 10th St, Anniston, AL 36201

Additional information can be available for review upon request. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written comments on these documents. It is preferable that comments be sent via email to Ashish Desai at ashish.desai@gsa.gov. Any hard copy comments should be postmarked no later than October 20, 2017 and sent to the following address: General Services Administration, Region 4, Attention: Mr. Ashish Desai, Martin Luther King Building, 77 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Sincerely,

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