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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

[Docket No. OA–2026–0001]

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Exterior Improvements to the Eisenhower Executive Office Building and Request for Consulting Parties

AGENCY: Office of Administration,
Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request
for comments.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), this Notice announces the availability and opportunity for public review and comment of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which examines the potential impacts of a proposal by the Office of Administration (OA), Executive Office of the President (EOP), to improve the granite façade of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB). Pursuant to this notice, OA is also seeking public comment on the potential of the proposed improvements to cause adverse effects on historic properties. Finally, this notice provides information on how individuals and organizations may request to become consulting parties.

DATES: This notice initiates a public comment period for the Draft EA. OA requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information and studies by November 16, 2026. To afford OA the opportunity to consider comments, please ensure any comments are received prior to the close of the 30-day comment period.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number OA–2026–0001, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:**
<https://www.regulations.gov/docket/OA-2026-0001>.
- **Email:** FedRegComments@oa.eop.gov. Include docket number OA–2026–0001 in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: All submissions received outside of *Regulations.gov* must include the name “Office of Administration” and the docket number for this notice of availability. OA makes all comments, including the names, addresses, and other personally identifiable information included in the comment, available for public review online. Individuals can request that OA withhold their names, addresses, or other personally identifiable information included in their comment from the public record; however, OA cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/OA-2026-0001>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of a proposal by OA to make improvements to the granite façade of the EEOB and bring it into visual alignment with the neighboring White House. Section 590 of Public Law 100–461 authorizes the OA Director to accept gifts, property, and voluntary services to support renovation and rehabilitation of the EEOB, and establishes a United States Treasury Fund for those purposes. OA is not a Federal agency and is therefore is not required to comply with either NEPA or the NHPA. Moreover, given the EEOB’s location on White House grounds, it is

exempt from the requirements of the NHPA under Section 107. Nonetheless, OA is voluntarily following the NEPA and NHPA procedures for this Project because those procedures provide a generally well-understood framework for considering potential effects and receiving input from agencies, the public, and interested parties.

Purpose of and Need for the Proposed Action

The subject of the Project, the EEOB, is located to the west of the White House at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. The Project is proposed to rehabilitate and improve the granite façade of the EEOB to restore and beautify its physical appearance, consistent with Executive Order 14344, Making Federal Architecture Beautiful Again. At present, several areas of the EEOB’s façade are deteriorating, including through granular disintegration, delamination, incipient spalling, cracking, and chipping, as well as gypsum salt accumulation, efflorescence, stains from exposure to contaminants, and biological growth. This deterioration has worsened over time and diminished the EEOB’s appearance and stature. Further, the gray façade of the EEOB, combined with its size and massing, conveys a dark, drab, and uninspiring presence that detracts from the aesthetic presentation of the much smaller White House directly adjacent to it. In carrying out proposed exterior improvements, OA proposes to address existing areas of degradation, engage in various masonry preservation measures, and coat the façade with white, mineral silicate paint. The proposed action would not only address areas of disrepair on the EEOB’s façade, but would also visually align the EEOB with the White House, of which it is a functional extension.

Alternatives Under Consideration

The EA will consider three Action Alternatives (*i.e.*, the Exterior Painting Alternative, the Partial Painting Alternative, and the Cleaning and Lighting Alternative) and the No Action Alternative. Under the Exterior Painting Alternative (the “Preferred Alternative”), the EEOB’s whole granite façade (excluding interior courtyards) would be painted with a white, mineral silicate paint. Prior to painting, the granite facade would be prepared for

painting, which would include a conservation-based cleaning regimen and stone repair and preservation measures implemented in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Façade lighting also would be installed. The Partial Painting Alternative involves painting only the exterior granite walls of the upper floors of all four elevations, leaving the raised foundation (currently a different type, texture, and shade of granite) unpainted. As with the Preferred Alternative, the paint would be a shade of white, mineral silicate paint, the courtyard elevations would remain unpainted, the exterior walls would undergo cleaning and stone repair prior to painting, and façade lighting would be installed. The Cleaning and Lighting Alternative involves only cleaning the exterior granite using a gentle, conservation-based cleaning method to remove dirt and soiling on all four exterior elevations, to remove unattractive stains, and to improve the overall appearance of the exterior façade. Under the No Action Alternative, cleaning and painting of the EEOB façade would not occur. Weathering and deterioration of the building façade would continue, and the aesthetics of the building would remain unaligned with that of the White House.

OA welcomes comments on all four alternatives, as well as suggestions for additional alternatives.

Public Input and Consultation

This notice of availability provides a period for the public to identify issues and potential alternatives for consideration. Federal agencies; state, tribal, and local governments; and the general public will have the opportunity to assist OA in identifying the following for analysis: historic properties that could be affected by the Project, potential adverse effects, reasonable alternatives, and potential mitigation measures to be analyzed.

OA will use the NEPA coordination process provided for in the NHPA regulations (36 CFR 800.8). OA will consider all written requests from individuals or organizations to participate as consulting parties under NHPA and, as discussed below, will determine who among those parties will be a consulting party in accordance with NHPA regulations.

NHPA Consulting Parties: Certain individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the Project can request to participate as NHPA consulting parties under 36 CFR 800.2(c)(5), due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the

undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

Interested individuals or organizations can request to be consulting parties by emailing: ConsultingParties@oa.eop.gov. Parties requesting consulting status should provide all information that would allow OA to fully evaluate the request. OA will determine which interested parties should be consulting parties.

Comments: Federal agencies; tribal, state, and local governments; and other interested parties are requested to comment on the scope of this EA, significant issues that should be addressed, and alternatives that should be considered. For information on how to submit comments, see the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by November 16, 2026. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this

particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Agricultural Surveys Program—Substantive Change.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0213.

Summary of Collection: General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204 which specifies that “The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . .”. The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies on the use of diverse surveys that show changes within the farming industry over time.

NASS is requesting a substantive change to the 2027 June Area Survey and Agricultural Coverage Evaluation Survey (ACES) data-collection instruments. ACES is conducted only during the Census of Agriculture reference year, which occurs every five years. Because the June Area Survey and ACES collect substantially overlapping information, NASS plans to use a modified ACES questionnaire for both surveys in 2027.

The modified questionnaire will retain selected June Area Survey questions to ensure that all required data items are collected. Using a common questionnaire for both data collections will improve census coverage, increase operational efficiency, and reduce respondent burden by coordinating related data-collection activities.

NASS is requesting revisions to the race and ethnicity questions for both the June Area Survey and ACES. In light of OMB's March 27, 2026 announcement of a one-year extension to submit an Action Plan for compliance with the updates to Statistical Policy Directive