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SEFC Consulting Parties

Subject:

Southeast Federal Center (The Yards) Parcel G – GSA 35% Approval

Dear Messrs. Kulis, Maloney, Millman and Consulting Parties:

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your review of the Parcel G 35% Design Submission. Through the design review and comment process, GSA received comments on the submission from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). In addition, the Parcel G 35% Design was submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for advisory review and comment at the January 23, 2017 and May 2, 2019 commission meetings.

While the original 35% Design Submission of Parcel G was in conformance with the Programmatic Agreement as well as GSA's Development Agreement with Brookfield Properties (Brookfield), GSA advised Brookfield to continue to explore a more robust expression of the converging volumes to increase the building's legibility; to experiment with a variety of fenestration typologies; and revisit the "Urban Window." In response to GSA's advice and comments from regulatory parties, Brookfield continued with design development and addressed a number of the suggestions it received through the design review process.

Consequently, GSA has determined the design is consistent with the Southeast Federal Center 2016 Amendment #1 to the Revised Master Plan and the Historic Preservation Guidelines. This letter serves as notification to Brookfield of GSA's approval of the Parcel G 35% Design. This concludes the submission, comment and approval process for the Parcel G 35% Design.

We look forward to future reviews of the SEFC project. If you have any questions, please contact Brett Banks at 202-538-5642 or brett.banks@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

Mina Wright

Director, Office of Planning & Design Quality

Enclosure