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## Unrestricted Summary: Facility Security Inspection of a High-Risk GSA Building

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The GSA Office of Inspector General, Office of Inspections conducted an inspection of a highrisk GSA building. The objective of the inspection was to determine whether GSA had assessed, prioritized, and implemented facility security controls for the building.

During the inspection, we conducted two site visits of the building, one announced and one unannounced. Our inspection revealed that GSA had not implemented all required facility security controls at the building. We found issues concerning the on-site central security control center, emergency exit doors, the visitor entrance, mechanical and utility rooms, required safety training, required procedural documentation, and the absence of a physical security manager.

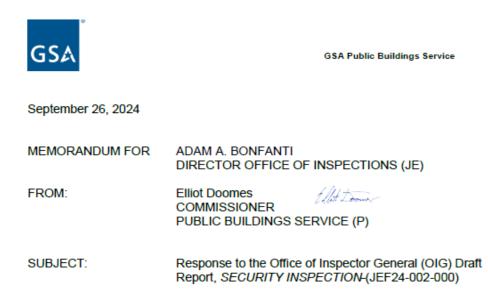
We also found that the building did not have a functioning Facility Security Committee. GSA has not fulfilled its responsibilities as the Facility Security Committee chair, effectively ceasing operations of the committee.

The unimplemented facility security controls at the building could lead to security vulnerabilities. Our report, issued on October 16, 2024, makes two recommendations for corrective action.

Our report addresses issues categorized as physical security information under GSA Order *Security for Sensitive Building Information Related to Federal Buildings, Grounds, or Property*, PBS 3490.3 CHGE 1, March 22, 2021. Therefore, our report requires safeguarding and dissemination controls and is not available to the public. The agency agreed with our report recommendations. Management's comments can be found in Appendix A.

### **Appendix A: Management Comments**

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject audit draft report.

We reviewed the report and agree with the two recommendations. Because our comments contain physical security information under GSA Order Security for Sensitive Building Information Related to Federal Buildings, Grounds, or Property, PBS 3490.3 CHGE 1, March 22, 2021; we are separately providing such comments regarding Deficiencies 1 and 4.

Please note, we believe all risk assessments and information regarding security systems or strategies from the final report should be redacted; as well as all references to state, city, and building and other identifying information. Furthermore, this response letter addressing the deficiencies must also be redacted to ensure that this extremely sensitive information remains confidential for the protection and well-being of all. We further request that any information regarding this matter is not published and is not made available on any public facing website.

If you have any questions, please contact Elliot Doomes, PBS Commissioner.



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