Predicting Outcomes of Investments in Maintenance and Repair for Federal Facilities

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# Statement of Task

Develop methods, strategies and procedures to predict outcomes anticipated from investments in federal facilities maintenance and repair. Identify:

- Ways to predict or quantify outcomes
- **Risks** posed by deteriorating facilities, systems
- Do risks vary by facility type? Can they be quantified?
- Strategies, measures, data needed to determine and improve outcomes
- Effective **communications** strategies

### Themes of Report

\*Fiscal Crisis—Impetus + Urgency for Change

\*Vehicles for Change-

 Portfolio-based facilities management (aka asset management)

Technology (tools, knowledge, risk)

- Recognition of impacts of facilities on people, environment, mission (i.e., prioritizing)
- Changing of the Guard

### Conclusions and Findings

No silver bullets/magic formulas

• Excess, underutilized, obsolete facilities = drain on budget + foregone opportunities

 Better defined outcomes = Better defined risks = Better program development/justification

- Communications = Reduced Guesswork
- Collaboration = Consistency (or at least rationalization)

• Effective best practices available from private industry (and federal sector)

# Conclusions and Findings Con't

• M&R investments support mission, regulatory compliance, improved condition, efficient operations, stakeholder-driven outcomes (Facilities Manager Recommendation)

 Lack of investment = Risk to mission, safe/healthy workplaces, fiscal soundness, efficient operations, public policy objectives (Leadership Decision)

• Data, tools, technologies available to support portfolio-based management, quantifying outcomes, decision support, performance measurement and feedback (Knowledge-based)

#### Recommendations

- Support disposition of excess and underutilized properties, consolidation policies
- Identify and prioritize outcomes
- Use risk-based processes to prioritize
- Establish standard methods for gathering data
- Measure outcomes and performance
- Provide credible, empirical information for decision support and to improve outcomes
- Plan for multiple internal and external communications with stakeholders
- Develop/refine government-wide measures
- Target data collection and condition assessments
- Additional research and collaborative efforts

## Report Layout

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# Imperative For Change

- Agencies asked to beef up "evidence-based" budgeting
  - "greater evidence"
  - "more rigorous performance evaluation"

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 OMB touts progress on reducing federal property footprint
"save money by consolidating and selling off unneeded federal real estate"

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- Federal Facilities Council 2012 Program
  - Risk-based Processes for Setting Priorities
  - Space Utilization in Federal Facilities
  - Alternative Financing Approaches
  - ISO Standard on Asset Management