

It is time to reconfigure our Nation's Government to reflect the changes that have taken place since its founding. We need to bring our Federal agencies and departments into alignment with the twenty first century with an eye to the twenty fifth century. God bless America and all our citizens.



Implementation of Decentralization

This plan is designed to reunite the people of this nation with the governing agencies through decentralization. A simple change in location would remove the implementers from homogeneous Washingtonian thinking and allow real-American ideas to shape agency practices.

Goals

- Secure and strengthen our rights as provided in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.
- Create new jobs and infrastructure throughout the Nation.
- Initially 10 to 30 Departments will be identified to be relocated in the first 4 years.
- Audit relevance of all Agencies and Departments:
 - allow for the natural attrition of agencies, departments, councils and units that have out lived their useful purpose
 - including entities that have become obstacles to progress
- Target low-cost locations that need a catalyst for growth bring well paid federal employees to this community.
- Encourage the natural attrition of various departments where the budget is in excess of any useful benefits.
- Force the attrition of various departments where fraud exists and has become rampant.
- Set an example of decentralization that functions in the best interests of the constituents.
- Strengthen our Capitalist Republic while also reversing the infiltration of our governmental entities by socialistic and anti-capitalistic ideology steeped in administrative policies.
- Keep the functionaries of government informed and educated by the local environments; specifically each community within which administrators and other federal employees reside.
- Put buildings in Washington D.C. to better use. The Department of Agriculture building was constructed when farming represented 40% of the national economy. It now represents 10%. They don't need the building that now houses this department. This magnificent building should be sold to developers and turned into housing.

Amazing Simple Implementation using existing Policy and Procedures

- The General Services Administration (GSA) has all the tools, departments, employees and policies needed to facilitate relocating the identified US Governmental Departments and Agencies.
- All that is needed from the appropriate Congressional or Senatorial committee is final approval of Departments to be moved and to which regional area
- Through the relocation of all employees there will be an automatic reduction in the number of employees through attrition due to unwillingness to relocate.
- The GSA has within each charter of the organization the following fundamental tools needed to perform this function:
 1. The Public Buildings Service (PBS) which acquires and manages federal properties.
 2. PBS provides workplaces for federal customer agencies
 3. Relocation Management Policy is already established
 4. Procurement protocol is already established.
 5. During the relocation period the GSA will abide by its mandate to supervise and make sure that the dollars expensed are appropriated properly.

Steps of Execution

Support bills in Congress and Senate to remove Section 72 of title 4, United States Code and bring to President for signature.

Exercise Presidential appointment authority.

Name an Administrator of General Services Administration who is supportive of this plan –.

Name a Public Buildings Service (PBS) Commissioner who is also supportive of this project –.

Name an Office of Government-wide Policy (OAP) Commissioner who is also supportive of this project –.

Appoint a PBS Sub-Commissioner with the sole responsibility to complete and coordinate the relocation of certain identified Departments - See attached suggestion of Departments and location destination.

Time line is 4 years.

- Year one identify Agency and matching location
- Year two secure new facilities
- Year three renovate or construct new facility
- Year four move all employees to new location
- These steps should be followed on a rolling basis until all Agencies and Departments have been relocated.

First Department to be relocated is the GSA and all the affiliated commissions, and committees included as “Offices”. This will cause them to experience the logistics of making a major move first hand. With their experience in hand the move of other departments and agencies will be better facilitated.

Location Selection Criteria

Selection of the destination will be determined based on various criteria, some base line criteria are:

1. Primary guiding criteria should be the selection of a low-cost region that will benefit greatly from the influx of the new revenue earning population located in the community.

2. New location must have a lower cost of living index of less than 1.15; Washington D.C. cost of living is 2.35. 51% improvement
3. Commute time must be reduced below 20.01; Washington DC commute time is 29.5 minutes per day. 32% improvement
4. New location may have some relevance to the Departments charter if it serves a distinct group of individuals.
5. CBO analysis is acceptable and supports a reasonable cost saving over a 10 year period
6. Housing stock must be available and have an average square foot cost at least 30% less than the average cost in the greater Washington D.C. region for construction as well as rental.
7. Selected location must receive final approval from the GSA
8. Adequate commercial space for new construction and renovation is available and has a cost at least 30% below the prevailing cost in the greater Washington D.C. region
9. New location must have a 20% reduction in average price of utilities compared to the D.C. region.
10. Tax burden at least 25% below that of the D.C. region of 15.67%
11. CPI Index at least 25% below the D.C. region

Potential Obstacles

Many Departments were established by an act of Congress and therefore will require an act of Congress to close or abolish.

Due to lobbyist efforts many in Congress will not support the moving of certain departments.

An argument for the maintenance and continuance of each and every department can be made.

Possible temporary disruption and inconvenience of needed government functions, of which none are critical.

Horse trading amongst various congressional constituencies that will want a department located in their district.

What Congressman, in their right mind, would say please don't bring any jobs to my district.

Sample Candidates for Decentralization

General Services Administration – San Antonio, Texas

Department of Education – Montgomery, Alabama

Treasury Department – Salt Lake City, Utah

Department of Commerce – Denver, Colorado

Department of Citizenship – Seattle, Oregon

Immigration and Naturalization – Biloxi, Mississippi

Bureau of Indian Affairs – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Environmental Protection Agency – New Orleans, Mississippi

Department of Agriculture – Lincoln, Nebraska

Housing and Urban Development – Detroit, Michigan

The Veterans Administration -

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