

*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 and policy interpretations.

### **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 is within each charter of its Departments 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 expunge Title 4; Chapter 3; Section 72 of United States Code, deliver 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 or eliminated.

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.

## **Identifiable Agencies and Locations**

There are many options regarding where headquarters for the various entities should be relocated to. A detailed list of suggested locations for the first 25 departments and agencies is charted

on a separate document. There are numerous criteria outlined in the implementation document that offer guidance for determining possible relocation counties for each Agency or Department.

The first Agency that should move is the Government Services Administration (GSA). This agency will be responsible for facilitation and implementation of the other Departments and Agencies relocations. By moving themselves first, numerous logistic issues will be identified and resolved before managing the movement of others.

The following are a few new location proposals for Department Headquarter moves:

HUD main operations, and all affiliated entities in Washington DC to Wayne County, Michigan – Detroit can benefit greatly from the influx of population and cash receipts – HUD employees will experience daily the issues and problems of our older cities

The EPA relocates to Orleans Parish, Louisiana – New Orleans is where the Mississippi feeds into the Gulf and much of the migrating elements east of the Rockies ultimately flows down this river. This location provides first hand exposure to effects of environmental policies and administrative initiatives.

The Department of Education moves to Alabama or Mississippi - both States regularly rank in the bottom 10 States for quality of education. America is only as strong as its weakest link, education strengthens the depth of our great nation.

The Department of Agriculture to Wyandotte County, Kansas – in the heartland of agriculture. Provides experience with how the entire industry is run, effect of the policies and the indirect consequences.

There are some Departments and Agencies that should remain in the District of Columbia, as identified in the Constitution as duties reserved for the Federal Government. These include the Supreme Court, Congress, Senate, Presidency, State Department-Diplomatic Duties and Functions, and the Departments of Defense.

The relocation is not proposed with the intent to alter present policy, charter, or goal. The purpose is improving the functional means of policy implementation. This plan does not intend to change the performance or delivery of policies, plans, projects, services and duties. The plan is only meant to change the location from which these government services are delivered. Due to modern communications technology there is no technical reason that requires federal agencies to be located in the Washington D.C. area. As there was previously when immediate communication was limited to the distance one could yell or travel in a day. This will support and achieve many stated goals including:

- A significant increase of taxpaying residents that will support each community's infrastructure by paying taxes to the city and spending the earned monies in the local economy.
- New home owners and tenants bring money and revitalization into regional depressed real estate economies.
- Improved education and social services.
- Opportunity for new businesses to support the new residents
- Additional new tax base from the new businesses
- Renovation and recycling of old facilities, converting dilapidated areas and resuscitating communities through updated technologies and efficient designs.

- Reduction of federal grants to the communities where a new tax base has been located
- Easier identification of community needs by living within the general populace. Less need for costs associated with lobbyist and non-governmental employees or consultants.
- Increase local tax base used to improve and repair infrastructure.
- Investment in the whole of the Nation.

All of this, and more, can be achieved by moving various United States Governmental Departments and Agencies Headquarters out of Washington D.C.

At our nation's inception it was important to have most national government entities in one central location: Washington D.C. This was because, at the time, geographical and technical constraints greatly hindered the exchange of thoughts and ideas. Therefore, centralization was the solution during that time so as to prevent harmful delays to policy comprehension and implementation. There were only 13 original States and they were all located on the eastern side of the U.S. The nation has since expanded dramatically. With today's advancements in technology there is no longer a need for centralization of all Headquarters in one city. This plan proposes that the Government connect with citizens by decentralizing various agencies while making use of new technology to become more efficient.

Policy and procedure for relocation of federal employees is already outlined. The GSA, chartered and responsible for housing and location of federal employees, has been performing this function for decades and has all the necessary policies and procedures in place. The direct and indirect benefits of dispersing the governmental agency Headquarters throughout the entirety of the nation are significant, benefitting nearly all parts of society permanently. By keeping the basic core Constitutional functions of our Government; Defense, Legislative, Diplomatic, and National Courts; in Washington D.C. protection of these entities will be more focused.

The basic needs and nature of a healthy, uniquely American Republic society will not change. The proposed idea will not alter fundamental services but instead will engage citizens while uniting the nation as never before. It will improve National Security, promote Prosperity, and enhance domestic Liberty. The United States of America will remain a beacon of light and provide an example that individuals can and do live in harmony as law abiding individuals. No need for socialist globalist mandates or centralized government beyond what is granted in our Constitution.

### **Location Selection Criteria**

The purpose will be to reduce cost of government and repatriate collected tax dollars to communities that will and need economic stimulation.

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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