

Final Assessment Report 07-10, September 28, 2007, "Report on Perimeter Security Assessment of a GPO Building"

The Federal Protective Service (FPS), an organization within the Department of Homeland Security, provides law enforcement and security services to the U.S. General Services Administration for federally owned and leased facilities. Although GPO is a legislative branch agency and not subject to FPS recommendations, the OIG considers FPS recommendations related to building security to be best practices for the protection of Federal facilities and GPO should follow them whenever possible and practical. At the OIG's request, the FPS conducted a physical security assessment of a GPO Building. The assessment was conducted in accordance with the standards detailed in the "Department of Justice Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities," dated June 28, 1995. The standards in the report establish facility security levels and minimum physical security safeguards required for all Federal facilities to protect against acts of terrorism and other forms of violence. The FPS evaluated the perimeter security of a GPO Building against Interagency Security Committee (ISC), Security Design Criteria. The ISC Security Design Criteria was developed to ensure that security becomes an integral part of the planning, design, and construction of new Federal office buildings and major modernization projects.

The FPS methodology for assessing security in this GPO Building included (1) identifying existing countermeasures at the facility, (2) identifying credible threats to the facility, and (3) rating each threat as to potential impact of loss and vulnerability. This sensitive report contains recommendations intended to enhance security of this GPO Building.