

## **STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 8**

### ***Federal Agency Spending \$121 Million in Stimulus Money to Renovate a Vacant Building for Itself***

- The General Services Administration (GSA), the Federal Government's landlord, just announced that they will use \$121 million in federal stimulus money to upgrade a vacant federal building in San Francisco.
- Last year, the building was slated to be leased or sold, which would have actually generated money for taxpayers. Instead, the GSA abruptly halted the planned negotiations, baffling both planners and "city hall officials."
- Who will be the new tenants of the freshly renovated building? Yep, the General Services Administration themselves. The GSA will move from their current federal building to a grand \$121 million newly-renovated building.
- Not surprisingly, Speaker Pelosi applauded the announcement as good news.

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