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# NEWS RELEASE

## AFG Group Awarded Construction Management Contract for J.J. Pickle Federal Building Renovation

**Herndon, VA, January 31, 2015:** AFG Group, Inc., a leading woman-owned construction management firm, was recently awarded a 3-year GSA contract to provide Construction Management, Commissioning, and Move Coordination services for major alterations to the J.J. Pickle Federal Building in Austin, Texas.

The GSA Greater Southwest Region, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, selected AFG Group to provide construction management during design and construction, turnover process, closeout, and tenant occupancy stages. Commissioning Services for this contract will be provided by AFG's commissioning partner, BEE, LLC.

The 11 story J.J. Pickle Federal Building is part of a master facility that includes a large plaza and is connected by an underground tunnel to the Homer Thornberry Building. The 275,000 GSF building was originally constructed in 1964 and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Currently, the building is occupied by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other government agencies. This renovation will entail major building systems upgrades to improve energy efficiency as well as tenant comfort. Construction cost is estimated at \$33.1 million.

AFG has completed similar projects for GSA, and is currently providing CM services on the Mary E. Switzer Federal Building in Washington, D.C. Paul M. Szmurlo, PE, will serve as AFG's Contract Executive while Mark Hopper, PE, will hold the position of Senior Project Manager. AFG is responsible for the overall management of the entire design build process from predesign through post construction. Other services AFG will provide include furniture acquisition and move coordination.

Mr. Szmurlo comments, "AFG is excited to once again support GSA during the modernization of an important Federal building and extend our geographic expansion."

### About AFG Group, Inc.

AFG Group, Inc. is a Woman-Owned, multi-disciplined program, construction, and relocation management firm with a national portfolio of work in healthcare, laboratories, courthouses, educational facilities, and government buildings. With 25 years in business, AFG has earned a reputation for providing strong expertise, responsiveness, and project execution that helps owners navigate through complex design, procurement, construction, and activation processes. Visit [www.afgcm.com](http://www.afgcm.com) for additional information.



AFG Group will provide Construction Management and Move Coordination for major alterations to the J.J. Pickle Federal Building in Austin, TX.