

November 8, 2023

Honorable Jon Mitchell Mayor of the City New Bedford, MA 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Sent via email

Dear Honorable Mayor Mitchell,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has identified the Hastings Keith Federal Building located in New Bedford, MA to advance its transition from federal use. I want to emphasize that this is just the first step of many within a multi-year process, which could end in any number of outcomes, including an exchange, transfer, or sale.

GSA understands that a change to non-Federal use may raise concerns about the impact on your community. In our experience, however, such changes often present significant opportunities. Toward that end, we would like to discuss the process in greater detail, answer any questions you have, and also share how similar properties have been successfully repositioned.

GSA is committed to being responsive to input from impacted stakeholders. Over the coming months, my staff will be reaching out to your staff to set up a time to discuss the next steps. Thank you in advance for your continued partnership as we begin the asset planning process.

Sincerely,

Glenn C. Rotondo

Regional Commissioner