APPENDIX E

DEFINITIONS

Architectural Barriers Act: The Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) requires accessibility in all federally owned and leased buildings and facilities, and buildings and facilities constructed, altered or leased with certain federal grants and loans. 42 U.S.C. § 4151 *et seq*. The ABA is enforced through the ABA standards for accessible design (ABA standards). The ABA standards indicate where access is required and provide detailed specifications for ramps, parking, doors, elevators, restrooms, assistive listening systems, fire alarms, signs, and other accessible building elements. The Department of Commerce Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Secretary for Administration (CFO/ASA) has expressly reserved the authority to approve requests for waivers and modifications to the ABA standards and to approve DOC waivers and modifications to ABA standards, if such authority has been delegated to the CFO/ASA (see the Department of Commerce Real Property Management Manual for a full discussion of ABA requirements).

Character or Character-defining: Qualities such as distinctive materials, features, and spaces that convey the property's historical significance as interpreted under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings.

***Historic Fabric*:** The architectural materials that comprise a historic property on the interior and exterior.

In-kind: New work shall match all physical and visual aspects of existing materials, including design, form, color, finish, texture, workmanship, and to the greatest extent possible, materials. In-kind mortar will also match the strength and join tooling of existing mortar, as appropriate, to repoint or reconstruct masonry elements. In-kind utility or mechanical, electrical, or plumbing systems will match basic visual and functional aspects of system components (such as installing new pipes and ducts) and not necessarily materials where those elements are not visible or not important in defining overall historic Character.

Integrity: The authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's historic or prehistoric period.