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BOE, the Department of General Services, and the Department of Finance have been working together to come up with a way to continue repairs and remediation on the 450 N Street building and continue to protect the health and safety of BOE employees, while always keeping in mind the ultimate goal of moving all BOE headquarters employees to a new location. Each of the alternatives discussed has substantial costs associated with it and in this time of State fiscal crisis it will be difficult to obtain the necessary funding for repairs and relocation. Building issues will be discussed in budget subcommittee meetings this week and next. We will likely not have an ultimate decision until the May revision of the budget is released by the Governor, which is scheduled for the last week of May.

DGS, as the owner of the 450 N Street building, is responsible for its maintenance and repair. BOE and DGS are working to create a comprehensive cost analysis for four options for completing repairs and remediation of the building. The options include:

1. BOE leaving the building permanently while DGS completes repairs for a new tenant.
2. BOE remains in building during repairs made 2 floors at a time.
3. BOE remains in the building during repairs made 6 floors at a time.
4. Sell the building and move BOE headquarters to a new location.

We have made it known to DOF that it is the intention of the BOE to leave the building permanently, whether DGS completes repairs and leases it to another tenant or they sell the building. Therefore, we recommend either option 1 or option 4. It is necessary to have the support of the Administration, the Department of Finance and the Legislature to make this happen.

I will update you further as more information is made available. Once again I thank you for your patience and cooperation as we move through this process.