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Could Corrections, Caltrans move into infamous BOE tower?

So let's all agree that the Board of Equalization needs a bigger building and should move out of its current downtown Sacramento headquarters, which has been plagued by bursting windows and mold. The state owns the building, widely recognized as a multi-million-dollar money pit, and is paying down bond debt for it.

It can't go empty indefinitely.

The Department of General Services has identified about a dozen departments, including DGS itself, that could need to find new digs and move into the 20-year-old, 500,000-square-foot office tower.

Timing issues make the list highly "speculative," according to a report prepared for a legislative hearing Tuesday.

And the prospective tenants are ...

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Natural Resources Agency and related departments

Department of General Services

Department of Human Resources

State Controller's Office

Department of Finance

Department of Transportation

Housing and Community Development

Moving Natural Resources would allow for renovating its current building on 9th Street. The other departments could consolidate operations in several locations into one spot by moving to the BOE building. And moving BOE workers into a larger facility would give it space to consolidate its operations now spread among multiple sites.

Any move into the building wouldn't happen for up to two years while the state renovates the structure.

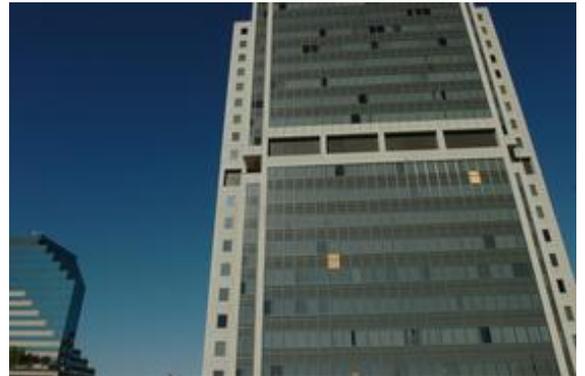


PHOTO: Two fallen glass windows are shown on the south side of the State Board of Equalization Building on October 31, 2005. The Sacramento Bee file/Jose Luis Villegas.

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