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	2. Usable Sqft
	Current Definition:
	The portion of a building that is available for occupants as determined by using ANSI/BOMA Z65.1-2010, Office Buildings: Standard Methods of Measurement, or IFMA/ASTM E1836-01, Standard Classification for Building Floor Area Measurements for Facility Management. The area excludes common areas such as bathrooms, stairways, elevator shafts, corridors, lobbies, equipment (that supports the building) rooms, janitor rooms, pipe and vent shafts, exterior walls, and telephone closets. This area is also known as Usable Area. For GSA Owned and GSA Leased buildings, the Usable Area is the Assigned Usable square feet shown in the Occupancy Agreement. (Building Mgr, Plant Engineering)
	New Definition:
	Required for all Buildings
	The portion of a building, regardless of the building's predominate use, that is available for occupants to use in the performance their work-related duties and/or take advantage of work-related amenities. This area is the total area that is occupied by the mission (the space in a building that is available to house personnel, equipment, fixtures, furniture, supplies, goods or merchandise or for industrial <sup>1</sup> activities) to include the building amenity area (the portion of the building that adds convenience for all occupants, e.g. conference rooms, lounges, food services areas, health or fitness areas, daycare, etc.) as determined using an industry-standard method of measurement:
	<ul> <li>ANSI/BOMA Z65.1-2010, Office Buildings: Standard Methods of Measurement,</li> <li>ANSI/BOMA Z65.1-2012, Industrial Buildings: Standard Methods of Measurement, or</li> <li>IFMA/ASTM E1836-01, Standard Classification for Building Floor Area Measurements for Facility Management.</li> </ul>
	Generally, the area excludes common areas such as bathrooms, stairways, elevator shafts, corridors, lobbies, equipment (that supports the building) rooms, janitor rooms, pipe and vent shafts, exterior walls, and telephone closets.
	For GSA Owned and GSA Leased buildings, the Usable Area is the Assigned Usable square feet shown in the Occupancy Agreement.
	<sup>1</sup> ANSI/BOMA Z65.1-2012, Industrial Buildings: Standard Methods of Measurement is appropriate for use in: warehouses, storage buildings, factories (manufacturing & assembly) laboratories, data centers, flex space, maintenance buildings, and utility plants.
Justification:	To clear up any confusion that implies that the FIMS data field "Useable Sqft" is related solely to office space or for that matter occupied space, and to distinguish "Usable Sqft" from "Office Usable SF" in order to increase reporting rates in the "Useable Sqft" field.
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OAM Remarks:	
FDDC Remarks:	04/14/2017 – FDDC Approved
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