UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 3, 2017

Easterly Government Properties, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-36834 (Commission File Number) 47-2047728 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2101 L Street NW, Suite 650, Washington, D.C. (Address of Principal Executive offices)

20037 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (202) 595-9500

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Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01. Other Events.

Easterly Government Properties, Inc. (the "Company") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a prospectus supplement dated March 3, 2017 (the "Prospectus Supplement"), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell shares of its common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100,000,000 (the "Shares") from time to time. The Company intends to contribute the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares to its operating partnership, Easterly Government Properties LP (the "Operating Partnership"), which subsequently intends to use the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares for general corporate purposes, which may include the acquisition, development, redevelopment or improvement of properties; full or partial repayment of debt; capital expenditures; working capital; and other general corporate or business purposes.

In connection with the offering, the Company and the Operating Partnership entered into separate equity distribution agreements, each dated as of March 3, 2017 (the "Equity Distribution Agreements"), with each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., BTIG, LLC, Jefferies LLC, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., as sales agents and/or principals (the "Managers"). Pursuant to the Equity Distribution Agreements, the Company may issue and sell the Shares from time to time through the Managers, as the Company's sales agents. Sales of Shares, if any, may be made in transactions that are deemed to be "at-the-market" offerings as defined in Rule 415 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange, privately negotiated transactions, which may include block trades, or otherwise as may be agreed between the Company and the Managers. Each Manager will receive from the Company a commission that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2.0% of the gross sales price of Shares sold through it as the Company's sales agent under the applicable Equity Distribution Agreement.

The offering of the Shares pursuant to the Equity Distribution Agreements will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of all of the Shares subject to the Equity Distribution Agreements or (2) with respect to a particular Equity Distribution Agreement, the termination of the Equity Distribution Agreement by either the Company or the respective Manager.

The Shares will be issued pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement and the Company's shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-210049) filed with the SEC on March 9, 2016, which became effective on May 3, 2016.

The form of the Equity Distribution Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report. The description of the Equity Distribution Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of the Equity Distribution Agreement filed herewith as an exhibit to this Current Report.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit:

Exhibit	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Form of Equity Distribution Agreement
5.1	Opinion of Goodwin Procter LLP
23.1	Consent of Goodwin Procter LLP (contained in its opinions filed as Exhibit 5.1 and incorporated herein by reference)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EASTERLY GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ William C. Trimble, III

Name: William C. Trimble, III

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: March 3, 2017

Form of Equity Distribution Agreement

Easterly Government Properties, Inc.

\$100,000,000 Shares of Common Stock (\$ 0.01 par value)

Equity Distribution Agreement

March 3, 2017

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Each of Easterly Government Properties, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Maryland (the "<u>Company</u>") and Easterly Government Properties LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "<u>Operating Partnership</u>"), confirms its agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") with [] (the "<u>Manager</u>") as follows:

1. <u>Description of Shares</u>. The Company proposes to issue and sell through or to the Manager (or any Alternative Manager (as defined below)), as sales agent and/or principal, shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value ("<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$100,000,000 (the "<u>Shares</u>") (including shares sold pursuant to the Alternative Distribution Agreements (as defined below)), from time to time during the term of this Agreement and on the terms set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement. For purposes of selling the Shares through the Manager, the Company hereby appoints the Manager as agent of the Company for the purpose of soliciting purchases of the Shares from the Company pursuant to this Agreement and the Manager agrees to use its reasonable efforts to solicit purchases of the Shares on the terms and subject to the conditions stated herein. The Company agrees that whenever it determines to sell the Shares directly to the Manager as principal, it will enter into a separate agreement (each, a "<u>Terms Agreement</u>") in substantially the form of Annex I hereto, relating to such sale in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement. Certain terms used herein are defined in Section 18 hereof.

- 2. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The Company and the Operating Partnership, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to and agree with, the Manager at the Execution Time and on each such time the following representations and warranties are repeated or deemed to be made pursuant to this Agreement, as set forth below.
 - (a) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Act and has prepared and filed with the Commission (File Number 333-210049) on Form S-3, including a related Base Prospectus, for registration under the Act of the offering and sale of the Shares. Such Registration Statement, including any amendments thereto filed prior to the Execution Time or prior to any such time this representation is repeated or deemed to be made, has become effective. The Company has filed with the Commission the Prospectus Supplement relating to the Shares in accordance with Rule 424(b). As filed, the Prospectus contains all information required by the Act and the rules thereunder, and, except to the extent the Manager shall agree in writing to a modification, shall be in all substantive respects in the form furnished to the Manager prior to the Execution Time or prior to any such time this representation is repeated or deemed to be made. The Registration Statement, at the Execution Time, each such time this representation is repeated or deemed to be made, and at all times during which a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 or any similar rule) in connection with any sale of Shares, meets the requirements set forth in Rule 415(a)(1)(x). The initial Effective Date of the Registration Statement was not earlier than the date three years before the Execution Time. Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 which were filed under the Exchange Act on or before the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus, as the case may be, deemed to be incorporated therein by reference.
 - (b) To the extent that the Registration Statement is not available for the sales of the Shares as contemplated by this Agreement and/or the Alternative Distribution Agreements, the Company shall file a new registration statement with respect to any additional shares of Common Stock necessary to complete such sales of the Shares and shall cause such registration statement to become effective as promptly as practicable. After the effectiveness of any such registration statement, all references to "Registration Statement" included in this Agreement shall be deemed to include such new registration statement, including all documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3, and all references to "Base Prospectus" included in this Agreement shall be deemed to include the final form of prospectus, including all documents incorporated therein by reference, included in any such registration statement at the time such registration statement became effective.

- (c) On each Effective Date, at the Execution Time, at each Applicable Time, at each Settlement Date and at all times during which a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 or any similar rule) in connection with any sale of Shares, the Registration Statement complied and will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the respective rules thereunder and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and on the date of any filing pursuant to Rule 424(b), at the Execution Time, at each Applicable Time, on each Settlement Date and at all times during which a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 or any similar rule) in connection with any sale of Shares, the Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) complied and will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the respective rules thereunder and did not and will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company and the Operating Partnership make no representations or warranties as to the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (or any supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by the Manager specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (or any supplement thereto).
- (d) At the Execution Time, at each Applicable Time and at each Settlement Date, the Disclosure Package does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Disclosure Package based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Manager specifically for use therein.
- (e) (i) At the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2)) of the Shares and (ii) as of the Execution Time and on each such time this representation is repeated or deemed to be made (with such date being used as the determination date for purposes of this clause (ii)), the Company was not and is not an Ineligible Issuer (as defined in Rule 405), without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an Ineligible Issuer.
- (f) From the time of initial filing of the Registration Statement with the Commission through the Execution Time, the Company has been and is an "emerging growth company," as defined in Section 2(a) of the Act (an "Emerging Growth Company").

- (g) Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, if any, does not include any information that conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement, including any document incorporated therein by reference, and any prospectus supplement deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified. The foregoing sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Manager specifically for use therein.
- (h) The Registration Statement is not the subject of a pending proceeding or examination under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Act, and the Company is not the subject of a pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Act in connection with the offering of the Shares.
- (i) Other than the Alternative Distribution Agreements, the Company has not entered into any other sales agency agreements or other similar arrangements with any agent or any other representative in respect of at the market offerings of the Shares in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) of the Act.
- (j) Except as provided for in this Agreement or the Alternative Distribution Agreements, there is no broker, finder or other party that is entitled to receive from the Company any brokerage or finder's fee or other fee or commission as a result of any transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Alternative Distribution Agreements.
 - (k) Intentionally omitted.
- (l) Any third-party statistical and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate, in all material respects.
- (m) (i) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, (ii) the Operating Partnership has been duly formed and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, (iii) each of the other subsidiaries of the Company listed on Schedule II hereto (the "Significant Subsidiaries") has been duly incorporated or organized and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is chartered or organized, (iv) each of the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Significant Subsidiaries has full power and authority (corporate or other) to own or lease, as the case may be, and to operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and (v) each of the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Significant Subsidiaries is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation or organization and is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction which requires such qualification, except in the cases of clauses (iii), (iv) and (v), where the failure to be so incorporated or organized or so validly existing and in good standing, to have such power or authority or to be so qualified or in good standing would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect").

- (n) As of the date hereof, there are 36,874,810 common units representing limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership (the "OP Units") owned by the Issuer. All outstanding partnership interests of the Operating Partnership owned by the Issuer are free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.
- (o) All outstanding shares of capital stock, partnership interests or membership units of the Operating Partnership's subsidiaries are owned by the Operating Partnership either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries and, except as otherwise set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.
- (p) The Shares and all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized; the authorized equity capitalization of the Company is as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are, and, when the Shares have been delivered and paid for in accordance with this Agreement on any Settlement Date, such Shares will have been, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and will, on any Settlement Date, conform, in all material respects, to the information in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to the description of such Shares contained therein; the stockholders of the Company have no preemptive rights with respect to the Shares; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been issued in violation of any preemptive or similar rights of any security holder; the form of certificate used to represent the Common Stock, if any, complies in all material respects with all applicable statutory requirements and with any applicable requirements of the articles of amendment and restatement of the Company, as amended and/or restated, the bylaws of the Company, as amended and/or restated, and with any requirements of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"). Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are and, will be no outstanding (A) securities or obligations of the Company convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock of the Company, (B) warrants, rights or options to subscribe for or purchase from the Company any such capital stock or any such convertible or exchangeable securities or obligations, or any such warrants, rights or options.
- (q) There is no franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, which is not described or filed as required; and the statements in the Prospectus under the headings "Description of Common Stock of Easterly Government Properties, Inc.," "Material Provisions of Maryland Law and of Our Charter and Bylaws," and "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations," insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries of such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings in all material respects.

- (r) This Agreement and any applicable Terms Agreement have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Company and the Operating Partnership;
- (s) None of the Company or its subsidiaries is, nor, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, will any of them be, required to register as an "investment company," as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (t) None of the Company or its subsidiaries is, nor, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, will any of them be, required to register as an "investment adviser," as defined in the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.
- (u) No consent, approval, authorization, filing with or order of any court or governmental agency or body is required in connection with the transactions contemplated herein, except (i) such as have been obtained or made under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, (ii) such as may be required under the NYSE and the Financial Industry regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), (iii) such as may be required under the blue sky laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Shares by the Manager in the manner contemplated herein and in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, or (iv) such consents, approvals, authorizations, filings or orders that will be obtained or completed on or prior to the applicable Settlement Date or the absence of which would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or delay, prohibit or prevent the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein;
- (v) Neither the issue and sale of the Shares nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein contemplated nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof will conflict with, result in a breach or violation of, or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, including the Operating Partnership, pursuant to, (i) the organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or bound or to which its or their property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree applicable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its or their properties except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) only, for such conflicts, breaches, violations, liens, charges or encumbrances that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect and would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby.

- (w) Except as otherwise set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no holders of securities of the Company or the Operating Partnership have rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement.
- (x) The consolidated financial statements and schedules of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries incorporated by reference in the Prospectus and the Registration Statement, together with the related notes, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of the dates and for the periods indicated, comply, in all material respects, as to form with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and have been prepared, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein). Any selected financial data incorporated by reference in the Prospectus and Registration Statement fairly present, in all material respects, on the basis stated in the Prospectus and the Registration Statement, the information included therein. Any pro forma financial statements of the Company and the related notes thereto included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein, have been prepared in accordance with the SEC's rules and guidelines with respect to pro forma financial statements and have been properly compiled on the bases described therein, and the assumptions used in the preparation thereof are reasonable and the adjustments used therein are appropriate in all material respects to give effect to the transactions and circumstances referred to therein.
- (y) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries or its or their property is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company or the Operating Partnership, threatened that (i) would, individually or in the aggregate reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or (ii) would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (z) (A) The Company or its subsidiaries has good and marketable title (fee or leasehold) to all of the real properties described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as owned by them and the improvements located thereon (individually, a "<u>Property</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Properties</u>") and any other real property owned by them, in each case, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, claims, security interests, restrictions or encumbrances of any kind, except for such mortgages, pledges, liens, claims, security interests, restrictions or encumbrances as (1) are described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or (2) are Permitted Encumbrances; (B) all liens, charges, encumbrances, claims or restrictions on or affecting any of the Properties or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries that are required to be disclosed in the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus are disclosed therein; (C) each of the Properties complies with all applicable codes, laws and regulations (including, without limitation, building and zoning codes, laws and regulations and laws

relating to access to the Properties), other than non-compliance that would not render a material portion of such Property unusable for its current or intended purpose; (D) the Company has not received written notice of any and, to the Company's knowledge, there are no pending or threatened, condemnation proceedings, zoning change or other proceeding or action that will in any material manner affect the size of, use of, improvements on, construction on or access to the Properties; (E) the mortgages and deeds of trust that encumber the Properties are not convertible into equity securities of the entity owning such Property and said mortgages and deeds of trust are not cross-defaulted or cross-collateralized with any property other than other Properties; and (F) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any tenant of any of the Properties, is in default under (x) any tenant lease (as lessor or lessee, as the case may be) relating to any of the Properties or (y) any of the mortgages or other security documents or other agreements encumbering or otherwise recorded against the Properties, whether with or without the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default under any of such documents or agreements, where such default (in any of the above) would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (aa) Neither the Company nor any subsidiary is in violation of or default under (i) any provision of its organizational documents, except in the case of subsidiaries of the Company that are not significant subsidiaries of the Company as defined by Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X for such violations or defaults that would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or bound or to which its property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or such subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) only, for such violations or defaults that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect and would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (bb) PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, who have certified certain financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and delivered their report with respect to the audited consolidated financial statements and schedules included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, are independent public accountants with respect to the Company within the meaning of the Act and the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder.
- (cc) There are no unpaid transfer taxes or other similar fees or charges under federal law or the laws of any state, or any political subdivision thereof, required to be paid in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the issuance by the Company or sale by the Company of the Shares.

- (dd) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has timely filed all U.S. federal income and other material federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax returns required to be filed by applicable law or has requested extensions thereof, and all such tax returns were in all material respects true, correct and complete. No audit, administrative proceedings or court proceedings are presently pending with regard to any material potential federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax of any nature, and the Company has no knowledge of any tax deficiencies which could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has paid (within the time and in the manner prescribed by law) all taxes of any nature which are due (whether or not shown on any tax returns), in each case except for those not yet delinquent and those being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted for which the Company and/or each of the subsidiaries has established on its books and records adequate reserves in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or those that would not have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (ee) Commencing with its taxable year ending December 31, 2015, the Company has been organized in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code, and the Company's method of operation as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus enables it to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. All statements regarding the Company's qualification and taxation as a REIT and descriptions of the Company's organization and proposed method of operation (to the extent they relate to the availability of the Company's qualification and taxation as a REIT) set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are true, complete and correct in all material respects.
- (ff) The Operating Partnership has been properly classified as a partnership or disregarded entity, and not as a corporation or as a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation, for federal income tax purposes throughout the period from its formation through the date hereof; and each of the subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership that is a partnership or a limited liability company (other than an entity for which a taxable REIT subsidiary election has been made) has been properly classified either as a disregarded entity or as a partnership, and not as a corporation or as a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation, for federal income tax purposes.
- (gg) No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is threatened or imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or its subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors or tenants except, in each case, as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (hh) The Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance and fidelity or surety bonds, if any, insuring the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective businesses, Properties, employees, officers and

directors are, to the knowledge of the Company, in full force and effect; the Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms of such policies and instruments in all material respects; and there are no claims by the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (ii) No subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, (i) from paying any dividends to the Company, (ii) from making any other distribution on such subsidiary's capital stock, (iii) from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or (vi) from transferring any of such subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company, except, in each case, as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (jj) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by all applicable federal, state, local or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct their respective businesses, except where the failure to possess such license, certificate, permit or other authorization would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the applicable Property, and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit which, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would be expected to have a material adverse effect on the applicable Property.
- (kk) The Company and each of its subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (v) the interactive data in XBRL included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus is in compliance, in all material respects, with the Commission's published rules, regulations and guidelines applicable thereto. The Company and its subsidiaries' internal controls over financial reporting are effective. The Company and its subsidiaries are not aware of any material weakness in their internal controls over financial reporting.
- (ll) The Company and its subsidiaries maintain "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act); and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

- (mm) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.
- (m) The Company and its subsidiaries are (i) in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("Environmental Laws") other than non-compliance that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to own the Properties and to conduct their respective businesses other than non-compliance that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (iii) have not received notice of any actual or potential liability under any Environmental Law from any federal, state or local governmental authority. Neither the Company nor any of the subsidiaries has been named as a "potentially responsible party" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended. Costs and liabilities currently expected to be undertaken by the Company in response to Environmental Laws would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (oo) None of the following events has occurred or exists: (i) a failure to fulfill the obligations, if any, under the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder with respect to a Plan, determined without regard to any waiver of such obligations or extension of any amortization period; (ii) an audit or investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any other federal or state governmental agency or any foreign regulatory agency with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by any of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) any breach of any contractual obligation, or any violation of law or applicable qualification standards, with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by the Company or any of its subsidiaries. None of the following events has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (i) a material increase in the aggregate amount of contributions required to be made to all Plans in the current fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such contributions made in the most recently completed fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries; (iii) a material increase in the "accumulated post-retirement benefit obligations" (within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 106) of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such obligations in the most recently completed fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries; (iii) any event or condition giving rise to a liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the Plan; or (iv) the filing of a claim by one or more employees or former employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries related to their employment. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "Plan" means a plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERIS

- (pp) As of the date hereof, the Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with all provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and rules and regulations applicable to them promulgated thereunder or are implementing the provisions thereof that are in effect and with which the Company and its subsidiaries are required to comply.
- (qq) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action in connection with the Company's business, directly or indirectly, that could result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder or the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 or similar law of any other relevant jurisdiction; and none of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action in connection with the Company's business, directly or indirectly, that could result in a sanction for violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder or the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 or similar law of any other relevant jurisdiction; and prohibition of noncompliance therewith is covered by the codes of conduct or other procedures instituted and maintained by the Company and its subsidiaries.
- (rr) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements and the money laundering statutes and the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and the Operating Partnership, threatened.
- (ss) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (i) is currently subject to any sanctions administered or imposed by the United States (including any administered or enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department, the U.S. Department of State, or the Bureau of Industry and Security of the U.S. Department of Commerce), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, or the United Kingdom (including sanctions administered or controlled by Her Majesty's Treasury) (collectively, "Sanctions" and such persons, "Sanction Persons") or (ii) will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of this offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person in any manner that will result in a violation of any economic Sanctions by, or could result in the imposition of Sanctions against, any person (including any person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).

- (tt) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is a person that is, or is 50% or more owned or otherwise controlled by a person that is: (i) the subject of any Sanctions; or (ii) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is, or whose government is, the subject of Sanctions that broadly prohibit dealings with that country or territory (currently, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria) (collectively, "Sanctioned Countries" and each, a "Sanctioned Country").
- (uu) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has engaged in any dealings or transactions with or for the benefit of a Sanctioned Person, or with or in a Sanctioned Country, in the preceding three years, nor does the Company or any of its subsidiaries have any plans to increase its dealings or transactions with Sanctioned Persons, or with or in Sanctioned Countries.
- (vv) Exhibit 21.1 to the Company's most recently filed annual report on Form 10-K includes the significant subsidiaries of the Company as defined by Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X as of the date of the Company's most recently filed annual report on Form 10-K.
- (ww) The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess adequate rights to use all patents, patent applications, trademarks, service marks, trade names, trademark registrations, service mark registrations, copyrights, licenses and know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures) used in the operation of the business as now operated, except where the failure to so own or possess such rights would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its subsidiaries have not received any notice of any claim of infringement, misappropriation or conflict with the asserted rights of others in connection with its patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights and know-how.
- (xx) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor any of its or their properties or assets has any immunity from the jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process (whether through service or notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution or otherwise) under the laws of the States of Maryland, Delaware or New York.
- (yy) As of the date hereof, neither the Company nor the Operating Partnership has outstanding any debt securities rated by a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined in Rule 436(g) under the Exchange Act).

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or the Operating Partnership and delivered to the Manager or counsel for the Manager in connection with this Agreement or any Terms Agreement shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company or the Operating Partnership, respectively, as to matters covered thereby, to the Manager.

3. Sale and Delivery of Shares.

- (a) Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth, the Company agrees to issue and sell Shares from time to time through the Manager, acting as sales agent, and the Manager agrees to use its reasonable efforts to sell, as sales agent for the Company, the Shares on the following terms.
 - (i) The Shares are to be sold on a daily basis or otherwise as shall be agreed to by the Company and the Manager on any day that (A) is a trading day for the NYSE, (B) the Company has instructed the Manager by telephone (confirmed promptly by electronic mail) to make such sales and (C) each of the Company and the Operating Partnership has satisfied its obligations under Section 6 of this Agreement. The Company will designate the maximum amount of the Shares to be sold by the Manager daily as agreed to by the Manager (in any event not in excess of the Maximum Program Amount and the amount available for issuance under the Prospectus and the currently effective Registration Statement) and the minimum price per Share at which such Shares may be sold. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Manager shall use its reasonable efforts to sell on a particular day all of the Shares designated for the sale by the Company on such day. The gross sales price of the Shares sold under this Section 3(a) shall be the market price for shares of the Company's Common Stock sold by the Manager under this Section 3(a) on the NYSE at the time of sale of such Shares.
 - (ii) Each of the Company and the Operating Partnership acknowledges and agrees that (A) there can be no assurance that the Manager will be successful in selling the Shares, (B) the Manager will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or the Operating Partnership or any other person or entity if it does not sell Shares for any reason other than a failure by the Manager to use its reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell such Shares as required under this Agreement, and (C) the Manager shall be under no obligation to purchase Shares on a principal basis pursuant to this Agreement, except as otherwise specifically agreed to by the Manager and the Company.
 - (iii) The Company shall not authorize the issuance and sale of, and the Manager may not sell, any Share at a price lower than the minimum price therefor designated from time to time by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Manager in writing. The Company or the Manager may, upon notice to the other party hereto by telephone (confirmed promptly by electronic mail), suspend the offering of the Shares for any reason and at any time; provided, however, that such suspension or termination shall not affect or impair the parties' respective obligations with respect to the Shares sold hereunder prior to the giving of such notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of the Company under Sections 4(k), (l), (m), (n), (o) and (p) shall be suspended during any such suspension period and shall recommence upon the termination of such suspension period.

- (iv) The Manager hereby covenants and agrees not to make any sales of the Shares on behalf of the Company, pursuant to this Section 3(a), other than (A) by means of ordinary brokers' transactions between members of the NYSE that qualify for delivery of a Prospectus to the NYSE in accordance with Rule 153 of the Act (such transactions are hereinafter referred to as "Continuous Offerings") and (B) such other sales of the Shares on behalf of the Company in its capacity as agent of the Company as shall be agreed by the Company and the Manager pursuant to a Terms Agreement.
- (v) The compensation to the Manager for sales of the Shares with respect to which the Manager acts as sales agent under this Agreement shall be up to 2.00% of the gross sales price of the Shares sold pursuant to this Section 3(a) and payable as described in the succeeding subsection (vi) below. The foregoing rate of compensation shall not apply when the Manager acts as principal, in which case the Company may sell Shares to the Manager as principal at a price agreed upon at the relevant Applicable Time pursuant to a Terms Agreement. The remaining proceeds, after further deduction for any transaction fees imposed by any governmental or self-regulatory organization in respect of such sales (the "Transaction Fees"), shall constitute the net proceeds to the Company for such Shares (the "Net Proceeds").
- (vi) The Manager shall provide written confirmation (which may be by facsimile or electronic mail) to the Company following the close of trading on the NYSE each day in which the Shares are sold under this Section 3(a) setting forth the number of the Shares sold on such day, the aggregate gross sales proceeds and the Net Proceeds to the Company, and the compensation payable by the Company to the Manager with respect to such sales. Such compensation shall be set forth and invoiced in periodic statements from the Manager to the Company, with payment to be made by the Company promptly after its receipt thereof.
- (vii) Settlement for sales of the Shares pursuant to this Section 3(a) will occur on the third Business Day (or such earlier day as is industry practice for regular-way trading) following the date on which such sales are made (each such day, a "Settlement Date"). On each Settlement Date, the Shares sold through the Manager for settlement on such date shall be issued and delivered by the Company to the Manager against payment of the aggregate gross sales proceeds less any Transaction Fees from the sale of such Shares. Settlement for all such Shares shall be effected by free delivery of the Shares to the Manager's account at The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") in return for payments in same day funds delivered to the account designated by the Company. If the Company or its transfer agent (if applicable) shall default on its obligation to deliver the Shares on any Settlement Date, the Company shall (A) indemnify and hold the Manager harmless against any loss, claim or damage arising from or as a result of such default by the Company and (B) pay the Manager any commission to which it would otherwise be entitled absent such default. If the Manager breaches this Agreement by failing to deliver the aggregate gross sales proceeds less any Transaction Fees to the Company on any Settlement Date for the Shares delivered

by the Company, the Manager will pay the Company interest based on the effective overnight federal funds rate on such unpaid amount less any compensation due to the Manager.

- (viii) At each Applicable Time, Settlement Date, Representation Date (as defined in Section 4(k)), the Company shall be deemed to have affirmed each representation and warranty contained in this Agreement as if such representation and warranty were made as of such date, modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended as of such date. Any obligation of the Manager to use its reasonable efforts to sell the Shares on behalf of the Company shall be subject to the continuing accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the continuing satisfaction of the additional conditions specified in Section 6 of this Agreement.
- (ix) The Company agrees that any offer to sell, any solicitation of an offer to buy or any sales of Shares shall only be effected by or through only one of the Manager or an Alternative Manager on any single given day, but in no event more than one, and the Company shall in no event request that the Manager and any of the Alternative Managers sell Shares on the same day.
- (b) If the Company wishes to issue and sell the Shares pursuant to this Agreement but other than as set forth in Section 3(a) of this Agreement (each, a "Placement"), it will notify the Manager of the proposed terms of such Placement. If the Manager, acting as principal, wishes to accept such proposed terms (which it may decline to do for any reason in its sole discretion) or, following discussions with the Company wishes to accept amended terms, the Manager and the Company will enter into a Terms Agreement setting forth the terms of such Placement. The terms set forth in a Terms Agreement will not be binding on the Company or the Manager unless and until the Company and the Manager have each executed such Terms Agreement accepting all of the terms of such Terms Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of a Terms Agreement, the terms of such Terms Agreement will control.
- (c) Each sale of the Shares to the Manager shall be made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and, if applicable, a Terms Agreement, which will provide for the sale of such Shares to, and the purchase thereof by, the Manager. A Terms Agreement may also specify certain provisions relating to the reoffering of such Shares by the Manager. The commitment of the Manager to purchase the Shares pursuant to any Terms Agreement shall be deemed to have been made on the basis of the representations and warranties of the Company herein contained and shall be subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth. Each Terms Agreement shall specify the number of the Shares to be purchased by the Manager pursuant thereto, the price to be paid to the Company for such Shares, any provisions relating to rights of, and default by, underwriters acting together with the Manager in the reoffering of the Shares, and the time and date (each such time and date being referred to herein as a "Time of Delivery.") and place of delivery of and payment for such Shares. Such Terms Agreement shall also specify any requirements for opinions of counsel, accountants' letters and officers' certificates pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement and any other information or documents required by the Manager.

- (d) Under no circumstances shall the number and aggregate amount of the Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement and any Terms Agreement, together with all sales of Shares under each of the Alternative Distribution Agreements (and any terms agreements thereunder), exceed (i) the Maximum Program Amount, (ii) the number of shares of the Common Stock available for issuance under the currently effective Registration Statement or (iii) the number and aggregate amount of the Shares authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement and each Alternative Distribution Agreement by the Board, or a duly authorized committee thereof, and notified to the Manager in writing.
- (e) If either party has reason to believe that the exemptive provisions set forth in Rule 101(c)(1) of Regulation M under the Exchange Act are not satisfied with respect to the Shares, it shall promptly notify the other party and sales of the Shares under this Agreement and any Terms Agreement shall be suspended until that or other exemptive provisions have been satisfied in the judgment of each party.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement the Company shall not request the sale of any Shares that would be sold, and the Manager shall not be obligated to sell, during any period in which the Company is, or could be deemed to be, in possession of material non-public information.
 - 4. <u>Agreements</u>. The Company agrees with the Manager that:
- (a) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus relating to the Shares is required (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172) to be delivered under the Act in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares, the Company will not file any amendment of the Registration Statement or supplement related to the offering or sale of the Shares (including the Prospectus Supplement) to the Base Prospectus (excluding any documents incorporated by reference therein) or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement unless the Company has furnished to the Manager a copy of such amendment or supplement for its review prior to filing and will not file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Manager reasonably objects. The Company has properly completed the Prospectus, in a form approved by the Manager, and filed such Prospectus, as amended at the Execution Time, with the Commission pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) by the Execution Time and will cause any supplement to the Prospectus to be properly completed, in a form approved by the Manager, and will file such supplement with the Commission pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) within the time period prescribed thereby and will provide evidence satisfactory to the Manager of such timely filing. The Company will promptly advise the Manager (i) when the Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, shall have been filed (if required) with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) or when any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement shall have been filed with the Commission, (ii) when, during any period when the delivery of a prospectus (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 or any similar rule) is required under the

Act in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares, any amendment to the Registration Statement related to the offering and sale of the Shares shall have been filed or become effective (other than any documents incorporated by reference therein), (iii) of any request by the Commission or its staff for any amendment of the Registration Statement, or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, or for any supplement to the Prospectus or for any additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any notice objecting to its use or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose and (v) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for sale in any jurisdiction or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose. The Company will use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or the occurrence of any such suspension or objection to the use of the Registration Statement and, upon such issuance, occurrence or notice of objection, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal of such stop order or relief from such occurrence or objection, including, if necessary, by filing an amendment to the Registration Statement or a new registration statement and using its reasonable best efforts to have such amendment or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable.

- (b) If, at any time on or after an Applicable Time but prior to the related Settlement Date or Time of Delivery, any event occurs as a result of which the Disclosure Package would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made or the circumstances then prevailing not misleading, the Company will (i) notify promptly the Manager so that any use of the Disclosure Package may cease until it is amended or supplemented; (ii) amend or supplement the Disclosure Package to correct such statement or omission; and (iii) supply any amendment or supplement to the Manager in such quantities as the Manager may reasonably request.
- (c) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus relating to the Shares is required (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172) to be delivered under the Act, any event occurs as a result of which the Prospectus as then supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made at such time not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend the Registration Statement, file a new registration statement or supplement the Prospectus to comply with the Act or the Exchange Act or the respective rules thereunder, including in connection with use or delivery of the Prospectus, the Company promptly will (i) notify the Manager of any such event, (ii) prepare and file with the Commission, subject to the second sentence of paragraph (a) of this Section 4, an amendment or supplement or new registration statement which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance, (iii) use its reasonable best efforts to have any amendment to the Registration Statement or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable in order to avoid any disruption in use of the Prospectus and (iv) supply any supplemented Prospectus to the Manager in such quantities as the Manager may reasonably request.

- (d) As soon as practicable, the Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Manager an earnings statement or statements of the Company and its subsidiaries which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158.
- (e) The Company will furnish to the Manager and counsel for the Manager, without charge, signed copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and, so long as delivery of a prospectus by the Manager or dealer may be required by the Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172), as many copies of the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and any supplement thereto as the Manager may reasonably request. The Company will pay the expenses of printing or other production of all documents relating to the offering.
- (f) The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to arrange, if necessary, for the qualification of the Shares for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Manager may designate and will maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Shares; provided that in no event shall the Company be obligated to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not now so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to service of process in suits, other than those arising out of the offering or sale of the Shares, or subject it or its subsidiaries to taxation, in each case, in any jurisdiction where it is not now so subject.
- (g) The Company agrees that, unless it has or shall have obtained the prior written consent of the Manager, and the Manager agrees with the Company that, unless it has or shall have obtained, as the case may be, the prior written consent of the Company, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405) required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433; provided that the prior written consent of the parties hereto shall be deemed to have been given in respect of the Free Writing Prospectuses included in Schedule I hereto. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Manager or the Company is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company agrees that (i) it has treated and will treat, as the case may be, each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and (ii) it has complied and will comply, as the case may be, with the requirements of Rules 164 and 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including in respect of timely filing with the Commission, legending and record keeping.
- (h) During any period beginning on the date the Company delivers an instruction to the Manager for the sale of Shares pursuant to Section 3(a) (i) and ending on the earlier of (i) the applicable Settlement Date related to such instruction or (ii) the earlier withdrawal by the Company or rejection by the Manager of such instruction, the Company will not offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge, or otherwise dispose of any other shares of Common Stock (other than Shares offered pursuant to the provisions of this agreement or the Alternative Distribution Agreements) or any securities convertible into, or exercisable, or exchangeable for, shares of Common Stock; or publicly announce an intention to effect any such transaction without (i) giving the Manager at least three

Business Days' prior written notice specifying the nature of the proposed transaction and the date of such proposed transaction and (ii) the Manager suspending acting under this Agreement for such period of time requested by the Company or as deemed appropriate by the Manager in light of the proposed transaction; provided, however, that the Company may issue and sell Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement and any Terms Agreement, any Alternative Distribution Agreement and any terms agreement pursuant thereto, any employee stock option plan, stock ownership plan or dividend reinvestment plan of the Company and the Company may issue Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of securities of the Company or the Operating Partnership or the exercise of warrants; and provided, further, however, that the foregoing shall not be applicable if the Company has provided notice to the Managers of a suspension of sales hereunder pursuant to Section 3(a)(iii) hereof.

- (i) Neither the Company nor the Operating Partnership will not (i) take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares or (ii) sell, bid for, purchase or pay any person (other than as contemplated by this Agreement, any Terms Agreement or any of the Alternative Distribution Agreements or any terms agreements thereunder) any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Shares.
- (j) The Company will, at any time during the term of this Agreement, as supplemented from time to time, advise the Manager immediately after it shall have received notice or obtain knowledge thereof, of any information or fact that would alter or affect any opinion, certificate, letter and other document provided to the Manager pursuant to Section 6 herein.
- (k) Upon commencement of the offering of the Shares under this Agreement (and upon the recommencement of the offering of the Shares under this Agreement following the termination of a suspension of sales hereunder), and each time that (i) the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be amended or supplemented (other than a prospectus supplement relating solely to the offering of securities other than the Shares), (ii) there is filed with the Commission an Annual Report on Form 10-K, a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and any current report on Form 8-K that files financial statements that are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, all financial information "furnished" to the Commission pursuant to Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K), (iii) the Shares are delivered to the Manager as principal at the Time of Delivery pursuant to a Terms Agreement, or (iv) otherwise as the Manager may reasonably request; provided, however, that each such date referred to in (i) and (ii) above may be a date within three (3) Business Days of such event or such later date as may be mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Managers, in each case so long as no Shares are to be offered or sold until such date or such later date, as applicable (such commencement or recommencement date and each such date referred to in (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, a "Representation Date"), the Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Manager forthwith a certificate dated and delivered on the date of such Representation Date, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Manager to the effect that

the statements contained in the certificate referred to in this Section 4(k) and Section 6(d) of this Agreement which were last furnished to the Manager are true and correct at the time of such Representation Date, as though made at and as of such time (except that such statements shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to such time) or, in lieu of such certificate, a certificate of the same tenor as the certificate referred to in said Section 6(d), modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such certificate. The requirement to provide a certificate under this Section 4(k) and the requirements of Section 4(l) through 4(p) shall be waived for any Representation Date occurring at a time at which no instruction to the Manager to sell Shares pursuant to Section 3 has been delivered by the Company or is pending, which waiver shall continue until the date the Company instructs the Manager to sell Shares pursuant to Section 3 (such date shall be considered a Representation Date), provided that no Shares are to be offered or sold until all deliverables required pursuant to this Section 4 and Section 6 are made.

- (l) At each Representation Date, the Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished forthwith to the Manager and to counsel to the Manager a written opinion of Goodwin Procter LLP, counsel to the Company ("<u>Company Counsel</u>") or such other counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Manager, each dated and delivered on such Representation Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Manager, of the same tenor as the opinions referred to in Section 6(b) of this Agreement, but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such opinion.
- (m) At each Representation Date, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, counsel to the Manager, shall deliver a written opinion, dated and delivered on such Representation Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Manager, of the same tenor as the opinions referred to in Section 6(c) of this Agreement but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the time of delivery of such opinion.
- (n) At each Representation Date, the Company shall cause PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (the "<u>Accountants</u>"), or other independent accountants reasonably satisfactory to the Manager forthwith, to furnish the Manager a letter, dated on such Representation Date, in form satisfactory to the Manager, of the same tenor as the letter referred to in Section 6(e) of this Agreement but modified to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as amended and supplemented to the date of such letter.
- (o) At each Representation Date, the Company will conduct a due diligence session, in form and substance satisfactory to the Manager, which shall include representatives of the management and the independent accountants of the Company. The Company shall cooperate timely with any reasonable due diligence request from or review conducted by the Manager or its agents from time to time in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including, without limitation, providing information and available documents and access to appropriate corporate officers and the

Company's agents during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices, and timely furnishing or causing to be furnished such certificates, letters and opinions from the Company, its officers and its agents, as the Manager may reasonably request.

- (p) At each Representation Date, the Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Manager forthwith a certificate substantially in the form of Annex II hereto dated and delivered the date of such Representation Date, in form satisfactory to the Manager to the effect that the statements contained in such are true and correct at the time of such Representation Date, as though made at and as of such time.
- (q) The Company consents to the Manager trading in the Common Stock for the Manager's own account and for the account of its clients at the same time as sales of the Shares occur pursuant to this Agreement or pursuant to a Terms Agreement, pursuant to any of the Alternative Distribution Agreements or pursuant to any terms agreements thereunder.
- (r) The Company will disclose in its Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, as applicable, the number of Shares sold through the Manager under this Agreement and sold through each Alternative Manager under the applicable Alternative Distribution Agreement and the Net Proceeds to the Company with respect to sales of Shares pursuant to this Agreement and each Alternative Distribution Agreement during the relevant quarter.
- (s) If to the knowledge of the Company, the conditions set forth in Section 6(a), 6(g) or 6(h) shall not be true and correct on the applicable Settlement Date, the Company will offer to any person who has agreed to purchase Shares from the Company as the result of an offer to purchase solicited by the Manager the right to refuse to purchase and pay for such Shares.
- (t) Each acceptance by the Company of an offer to purchase the Shares hereunder, and each execution and delivery by the Company of a Terms Agreement, shall be deemed to be an affirmation to the Manager that the representations and warranties of the Company contained in or made pursuant to this Agreement are true and correct as of the date of such acceptance or of such Terms Agreement as though made at and as of such date, and an undertaking that such representations and warranties will be true and correct as of the Settlement Date for the Shares relating to such acceptance or as of the Time of Delivery relating to such sale, as the case may be, as though made at and as of such date (except that such representations and warranties shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented relating to such Shares).
- (u) The Company shall ensure that there are at all times sufficient shares of Common Stock to provide for the issuance, free of any preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock, of the maximum aggregate number of Shares authorized for issuance by the Board pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and each Alternative Distribution Agreement. The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Shares to be listed for trading on NYSE and to maintain such listing.

- (v) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus relating to the Shares is required (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172) to be delivered under the Act, the Company will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act within the time periods required by the Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder.
- (w) The Company shall cooperate with Manager and use its reasonable efforts to permit the Shares to be eligible for clearance and settlement through the facilities of DTC.
 - (x) The Company will apply the Net Proceeds from the sale of the Shares in the manner set forth in the Prospectus.
- (y) The Company will promptly notify the Manager and the Alternative Managers when the Maximum Program Amount has been sold pursuant to this Agreement and/or the Alternative Distribution Agreements.
- (z) The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to continue to qualify for taxation as a REIT under the Code unless the Board of Directors of the Company determines that it is no longer in the best interests of the Company to continue to qualify as a REIT.
- (aa) The Company will notify promptly the Manager if the Company ceases to be an Emerging Growth Company at any time prior to the completion of the distribution of the Shares within the meaning of the Act.

5. Payment of Expenses.

(a) The Company and the Operating Partnership agree to pay the costs and expenses incident to the performance of their obligations under this Agreement, whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, including without limitation: (i) the preparation, printing or reproduction and filing with the Commission of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits thereto), the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and each amendment or supplement to any of them; (ii) the printing (or reproduction) and delivery (including postage, air freight charges and charges for counting and packaging) of such copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and all amendments or supplements to any of them, as may, in each case, be reasonably requested for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares; (iii) the preparation, printing, authentication, issuance and delivery of certificates for the Shares, including any stamp or transfer taxes in connection with the original issuance and sale of the Shares; (iv) the printing (or reproduction) and delivery of this Agreement, any blue sky memorandum and all other agreements or documents printed (or reproduced) and

delivered in connection with the offering of the Shares; (v) the registration of the Shares under the Exchange Act and the listing of the Shares on NYSE; (vi) any registration or qualification of the Shares for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of the several states (including filing fees and the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Manager and the Alternative Managers relating to such registration and qualification, up to an aggregate \$10,000); (vii) any filings required to be made with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") (including filing fees and the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Manager and the Alternative Managers (up to an aggregate \$10,000) relating to such filings); (viii) the transportation and other expenses incurred by or on behalf of Company representatives in connection with presentations to prospective purchasers of the Shares (except that the cost of any aircraft chartered for use in such presentations shall be split evenly between the Company, on the one hand, and the Manager, on the other hand); (ix) the fees and expenses of the Company's accountants and the fees and expenses of counsel (including local and special counsel) for the Company; (x) the fees and expenses of any transfer agent or register for the Shares and (xi) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder;

- (b) If an aggregate number of shares having at least an aggregate offering price of \$10,000,000 have not been offered and sold under this Agreement and under the Alternative Distribution Agreements collectively by the eighteen month anniversary of the date of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8(a) (the "Determination Date"), the Company shall reimburse the Manager and the Alternative Managers for all of their reasonable documented out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees, disbursements and expenses of counsel for the Manager in connection with this Agreement and the Registration Statement and ongoing services in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder of the Manager and the Alternative Managers, incurred by them in connection with the offering contemplated by this Agreement and the Alternative Distribution Agreements (collectively, the "Expenses"); provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to reimburse the Manager or any Alternative Manager pursuant to this Section 5(b) for their Expenses in excess of \$50,000 in the aggregate. The Expenses shall be due and payable by the Company to the Manager and each Alternative Manager within sixty (60) days of the Determination Date. The Manager and the Alternative Managers shall be solely responsible for allocating any fees received pursuant to this Section 5(b) among themselves. Except as expressly set forth in Section 5(a) or this Section 5(b), the Company shall not be responsible for any out-of-pocket or other expenses of the Manager in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 6. <u>Conditions to the Obligations of the Manager</u>. The obligations of the Manager under this Agreement and any Terms Agreement shall be subject to (i) the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Operating Partnership contained herein as of the Execution Time, each Representation Date, and as of each Applicable

Time, Settlement Date and Time of Delivery, (ii) to the performance by the Company and the Operating Partnership of their obligations hereunder and (iii) the following additional conditions:

- (a) The Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, required by Rule 424 to be filed with the Commission have been filed in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) with respect to any sale of Shares; any material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Act, shall have been filed with the Commission within the applicable time periods prescribed for such filings by Rule 433; and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any notice objecting to its use shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or threatened.
- (b) The Company shall have requested and caused Company Counsel to furnish to the Manager, on every date specified in Section 4(l) of this Agreement, opinions collectively covering the opinions the form of which are attached as Exhibit A, dated as of such date and addressed to the Manager. The Company shall have requested and caused Company Counsel, to furnish to the Manager, on every date specified in Section 4(l) of this Agreement, tax opinions, collectively covering the opinions the form of which are attached as Exhibit B, dated as of such date and addressed to the Manager.
- (c) The Manager shall have received from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, counsel for the Manager, on every date specified in Section 4(m) of this Agreement, such opinion or opinions, dated as of such date and addressed to the Manager, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Shares, the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) and other related matters as the Manager may reasonably require, and the Company and the Operating Partnership shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they reasonably request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.
- (d) The Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to the Manager, on every date specified in Section 4(k) of this Agreement, a certificate of the Company and the Operating Partnership, signed by the Chief Executive Officer and the principal financial or accounting officer of the Company and the general partner of the Operating Partnership, dated as of such date, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and any supplements or amendments thereto and this Agreement and that:
 - (i) the representations and warranties of the Company and the Operating Partnership in this Agreement are true and correct on and as of such date except those related to a specific date with the same effect as if made on such date and the Company and the Operating Partnership has complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such date;
 - (ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any notice objecting to its use has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge or the Operating Partnership, threatened; and

- (iii) since the date of the most recent financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package, there has been no Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package.
- (e) The Company shall have requested and caused the Accountants to have furnished to the Manager, on every date specified in Section 4(n) hereof and to the extent requested by the Manager in connection with any offering of the Shares, letters (which may refer to letters previously delivered to the Manager), dated as of such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Manager, which letters shall cover, without limitation, the various financial statements and disclosures contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and other matters ordinarily covered by accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters in connection with registered public offerings as contemplated in the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 72, as well as confirming that they have performed a review of any unaudited interim financial information of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus in accordance with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 100.

References to the Prospectus in this paragraph (e) include any supplement thereto at the date of the letter.

- (f) The Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to the Manager, on every date specified in Section 4(p) of this Agreement, a certificate of the Company, signed by the principal financial or accounting officer of the Company, dated as of such date and addressed to the Manager, substantially in the form of Annex II hereto.
- (g) Since the respective dates as of which information is disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, there shall not have been (i) any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (e) of this Section 6 or (ii) any material and adverse change, or development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the condition (financial or otherwise), earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto) the effect of which, in any case referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above, in the sole judgment of the Manager, makes it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Shares as contemplated by the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof), the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
 - (h) Intentionally omitted.
- (i) FINRA shall not have raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the terms and arrangements under this Agreement.

- (j) The Shares shall have been listed and admitted and authorized for trading on the NYSE, and satisfactory evidence of such actions shall have been provided to the Manager.
- (k) Prior to each Settlement Date and Time of Delivery, as applicable, the Company shall have furnished to the Manager such further information, certificates and documents as the Manager may reasonably request.

If any of the conditions specified in this Section 6 shall not have been fulfilled when and as provided in this Agreement, or if any of the opinions and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall not be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Manager and counsel for the Manager, this Agreement and all obligations of the Manager hereunder may be canceled at, or at any time prior to, any Settlement Date or Time of Delivery, as applicable, by the Manager. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the Company in writing or by telephone or facsimile confirmed in writing.

The documents required to be delivered by this Section 6 shall be delivered at the office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, counsel for the Manager, at 4 Times Square, New York, New York, 10036, Attn: David J. Goldschmidt, on each such date as provided in this Agreement.

7. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) The Company and the Operating Partnership jointly and severally agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Manager, the directors, officers, employees, affiliates and agents of the Manager and each person who controls the Manager within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the registration statement for the registration of the Shares as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party, as incurred, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that none of the Company or the Operating Partnership will be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of the Manager specifically for inclusion therein. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability that the Company or the Operating Partnership may otherwise have.

- (b) The Manager agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Operating Partnership, each of its directors, each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company or the Operating Partnership within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company and the Operating Partnership to the Manager, but only with reference to written information relating to the Manager furnished to the Company by the Manager specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Manager may otherwise have. Each of the Company and the Operating Partnership acknowledges that the name and contact information of the Manager in the Prospectus Supplement and the Prospectus constitute the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the several Managers for inclusion in the Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.
- (c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 7 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 7, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the failure so to notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent it did not otherwise learn of such action and such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraph (a) or (b) above. The indemnifying party shall be entitled to appoint counsel of the indemnifying party's choice at the indemnifying party's expense to represent the indemnified party in any action for which indemnification is sought (in which case the indemnifying party shall not thereafter be responsible for the fees and expenses of any separate counsel retained by the indemnified party or parties except as set forth below); provided, however, that such counsel shall be satisfactory to the indemnified party. Notwithstanding the indemnifying party's election to appoint counsel to represent the indemnified party in an action, the indemnified party shall have the right to employ separate counsel (including local counsel), and the indemnifying party shall bear the reasonable fees, costs and expenses of such separate counsel if (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with a conflict of interest, (ii) the actual or potential defendants in, or targets of, any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of the institution of such action or (iv) the indemnifying party shall authorize the indemnified party to employ separate counsel at the expense of the indemnifying party. It is understood and agreed that the indemnifying party shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all indemnified parties. Except as expressly

provided in this Section 7, the indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify each indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment; provided, however, that if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this Section 7(c), the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (1) such settlement is entered into more than 60 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request; (2) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 45 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (3) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. An indemnifying party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action) unless such settlement, compromise or consent: (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding and (ii) does not include an admission of fault.

(d) In the event that the indemnity provided in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this Section 7 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party for any reason, the Company and the Operating Partnership, jointly and severally, and the Manager agree to contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending the same) (collectively "Losses") to which the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Manager may be subject in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Operating Partnership on the one hand and by the Manager on the other from the offering of the Shares. If the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is unavailable for any reason, the Company and the Operating Partnership, jointly and severally, and the Manager severally shall contribute in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company and the Operating Partnership on the one hand and of the Manager on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. Benefits received by the Company and the Operating Partnership shall be deemed to be equal to the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by them, and benefits received by the Manager shall be deemed to be equal to the total underwriting discounts and commissions, in each case as determined by this Agreement or any applicable Terms Agreement. Relative fault of the parties shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any untrue or any alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information provided by the Company and the Operating Partnership on the one hand or the Manager on the other, the intent of the parties and

information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. The Company, the Operating Partnership and the Manager agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution were determined by pro rata allocation or any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (d), in no event shall the Manager be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the underwriting discount or commission, as the case may be, applicable to the Shares purchased by the Manager hereunder exceeds the amount of any damages that the Manager has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 7, each person who controls the Manager within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act and each director, officer, employee, affiliate and agent of the Manager shall have the same rights to contribution as the Manager, and each person who controls the Company or the Operating Partnership within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, each officer of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company and the Operating Partnership, subject in each case to the applicable terms and conditions of this paragraph (d).

8. Termination.

- (a) The Company shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate the provisions of this Agreement relating to the solicitation of offers to purchase the Shares in its sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that (i) if Shares have been sold through the Manager for the Company, then Section 4(t) shall remain in full force and effect, (ii) with respect to any pending sale, through the Manager for the Company, the obligations of the Company and the Operating Partnership, including in respect of compensation of the Manager, shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the termination and (iii) the provisions of Sections 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- (b) The Manager shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate the provisions of this Agreement relating to the solicitation of offers to purchase the Shares in its sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- (c) This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless terminated pursuant to Sections 8(a) or (b) above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties; <u>provided</u> that any such termination by mutual agreement shall in all cases be deemed to provide that Sections 2, 5, 7 and 9 shall remain in full force and effect.
- (d) Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; <u>provided</u> that such termination shall not be effective until the close

of business on the date of receipt of such notice by the Manager or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date or Time of Delivery for any sale of the Shares, such sale shall settle in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(a)(vii) of this Agreement.

- (e) In the case of any purchase of Shares by the Manager pursuant to a Terms Agreement, the obligations of the Manager pursuant to such Terms Agreement shall be subject to termination, in the absolute discretion of the Manager, by notice given to the Company prior to the Time of Delivery relating to such Shares, if at any time prior to such delivery and payment (i) trading in the Company's Common Stock shall have been suspended by the Commission or the NYSE or trading in securities generally on the NYSE shall have been suspended or limited or minimum prices shall have been established on such exchange, (ii) a banking moratorium shall have been declared either by federal or New York State authorities, (iii) a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war, or other calamity or crisis the effect of which on financial markets is such as to make it, in the sole judgment of the Manager, impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Shares as contemplated by the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto)
- 9. <u>Representations and Indemnities to Survive</u>. The respective agreements, representations, warranties, indemnities and other statements of the Company or its officers or of the Operating Partnership and of the Manager set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by the Manager or the Company or the Operating Partnership or any of the officers, directors, employees, affiliates, agents or controlling persons referred to in Section 7 hereof, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Shares.
- 10. Notices. All communications hereunder will be in writing and effective only on receipt, and, if sent to the Manager, will be mailed, delivered or telefaxed to [], with a copy to Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 4 Times Square, New York, New York, 10036, Attn: David J. Goldschmidt; or, if sent to the Company or the Operating Partnership, will be mailed to Easterly Government Properties, Inc., 2101 L Street NW, Suite 650, Washington, D.C. 20037 or telefaxed to (617) 581-1440, Attention: William C. Trimble, III, with a copy to Goodwin Procter LLP, 100 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA 02210, Attention: Mark S. Opper (facsimile (617) 523-1231).
- 11. <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers, directors, employees, agents and controlling persons referred to in Section 8 hereof, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.
- 12. <u>No Fiduciary Duty.</u> Each of the Company and the Operating Partnership hereby acknowledges that (a) the purchase and sale of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the Manager and any affiliate through which it may be acting, on the other, (b) the Manager is acting solely as sales agent and/or principal in connection with the purchase and sale of the Company's

securities and not as a fiduciary of the Company or the Operating Partnership and (c) the Company's engagement of the Manager in connection with the offering and the process leading up to the offering is as independent contractors and not in any other capacity. Furthermore, each of the Company and the Operating Partnership agrees that it is solely responsible for making its own judgments in connection with the offering (irrespective of whether the Manager has advised or is currently advising the Company or the Operating Partnership on related or other matters). Each of the Company and the Operating Partnership agrees that it will not claim that the Manager has rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owe an agency, fiduciary or similar duty to the Company or the Operating Partnership, as applicable, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

- 13. <u>Integration</u>. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement supersede all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Manager with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- 14. <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed within the State of New York.
- 15. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. The Company, the Operating Partnership and the Manager each hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, any Terms Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.
- 16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 17. <u>Headings</u>. The section headings used in this Agreement and any Terms Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
 - 18. Definitions. The terms that follow, when used in this Agreement and any Terms Agreement, shall have the meanings indicated.
 - "Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.
 - "Applicable Time" shall mean, with respect to any Shares, the time of sale of such Shares pursuant to this Agreement or any relevant Terms Agreement.
 - "Base Prospectus" shall mean the base prospectus referred to in Section 2(a) above contained in the Registration Statement at the Execution Time.
 - "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies are authorized or obligated by law to close in New York City.

- "Code" shall mean the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor thereto.
- "Commission" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "<u>Disclosure Package</u>" shall mean (i) the Base Prospectus, (ii) the Prospectus Supplement, (iii) the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses, if any, identified in Schedule I hereto, (iv) the public offering price of Shares sold at the relevant Applicable Time as specified in a Terms Agreement and (v) any other Free Writing Prospectus that the parties hereto shall hereafter expressly agree in writing to treat as part of the Disclosure Package.
- "Effective Date" shall mean each date and time that the Registration Statement, any post-effective amendment or amendments thereto and any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement became or becomes effective.
- "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.
 - "Execution Time" shall mean the date and time that this Agreement is executed and delivered by the parties hereto.
 - "Free Writing Prospectus" shall mean a free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 405.
 - "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" shall mean an issuer free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 433.
- "Maximum Program Amount" shall mean Shares with an aggregate gross sales price of \$100,000,000 (or, if less, the aggregate amount of Shares registered under the Registration Statement).
 - "Operating Partnership" shall mean Easterly Government Properties LP, a Delaware limited partnership.
- "Permitted Encumbrances" shall mean each of the following: (i) mechanics', carriers', workers', repairers', materialmen's, warehousemen's and other similar liens and encumbrances for construction in progress or which have otherwise arisen in the ordinary course of business; (ii) liens for taxes not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith and for which there are adequate reserves on the financial statements of the owner of the applicable Property; (iii) easements, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected Property or interfere with the ordinary course business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; and (iv) liens arising under conditional sales contracts and equipment leases with third parties entered into in the ordinary course of business.

"Prospectus" shall mean the Base Prospectus, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement.

"Prospectus Supplement" shall mean the most recent prospectus supplement relating to the Shares that was first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) at or prior to the Execution Time.

"Registration Statement" shall mean the registration statement referred to in Section 2(a) above, including exhibits and financial statements and any prospectus supplement relating to the Shares that is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) and deemed part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B, as amended on each Effective Date and, in the event any post-effective amendment thereto or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement becomes effective, shall also mean such registration statement as so amended or such Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, as the case may be.

"REIT" shall mean a real estate investment trust under the Code.

"Rule 158", "Rule 164", "Rule 172", "Rule 405", "Rule 415", "Rule 424", "Rule 430B", "Rule 433" and "Rule 462" refer to such rules under the Act.

"Rule 462(b) Registration Statement" shall mean a registration statement and any amendments thereto filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) relating to the offering covered by the registration statement referred to in Section 1(a) hereof.

whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Manager.		
	Very truly yours,	
	Easterly Government Properties, Inc.	
	Ву:	
	Name: Title:	
	Easterly Government Properties LP	
	By: Easterly Government Properties, Inc.	

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof,

[Signature Page to Equity Distribution Agreement]

By: Name: Title:

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first written above.			
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By: _ Name: Title:			

[Signature Page to Equity Distribution Agreement]

SCHEDULE I

Schedule of Free Writing Prospectuses included in the Disclosure Package

[None.]

[Form of Terms Agreement] ANNEX I

Easterly Government Properties, Inc.

Common Stock

TERMS AGREEMENT

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Dear Sirs:		
Ea	sterly Government Properties, Inc. (the " <u>Cc</u>	ompany") proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein and in the Equity Distribution
Agreement, dat	ed March 3, 2017 (the "Equity Distribution	Agreement"), between the Company, Easterly Government Properties LP, a Delaware limited
partnership and	[], to issue and sell to [] the securities specified in the Schedule I hereto (the "Purchased Shares") [, and solely for the
purpose of cove	ering over-allotments, to grant to [] the option to purchase the additional securities specified in the Schedule I hereto (the

"Additional Shares")]. [To be included if parties agree on an option to cover over-allotments]

] shall have the right to purchase from the Company all or a portion of the Additional Shares as may be necessary to cover overallotments made in connection with the offering of the Purchased Shares, at the same purchase price per share to be paid by [] to the Company for the Purchased Shares. This option may be exercised by [] at any time (but not more than once) on or before the thirtieth day following the date hereof, by written notice to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of shares of Additional Shares as to which the option is being exercised, and the date and time when the Additional Shares are to be delivered (such date and time being herein referred to as the "Option Closing Date"); provided, however, that the Option Closing Date shall not be earlier than the Time of Delivery (as set forth in the Schedule I hereto) nor earlier than the second Business Day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised nor later than the fifth Business Day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. Payment of the purchase price for the Additional Shares shall be made at the Option Closing Date in the same manner and at the same office as the payment for the Purchased Shares.] [To be included if parties agree on an option to cover over-allotments]

Each of the provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement not specifically related to the solicitation by [], as agent of the Company, of offers to purchase securities is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and shall be deemed to be part of this Terms Agreement to the same extent as if such provisions had been set forth in full herein. Each of the representations and warranties set forth therein shall be deemed to have been made at and as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Time of Delivery [and any Option Closing Date] [To be included if parties agree on an option to cover over-allotments], except that each representation and warranty in Section 2 of the Equity Distribution Agreement which makes reference to the Prospectus (as therein defined) shall be deemed to be a representation and

warranty as of the date of the Equity Distribution Agreement in relation to the Prospectus, and also a representation and warranty as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Time of Delivery [and any Option Closing Date] [To be included if parties agree on an option to cover over-allotments] in relation to the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to relate to the Purchased Shares.

[An amendment to the Registration Statement (as defined in the Equity Distribution Agreement), or a supplement to the Prospectus, as the case may be, relating to the Purchased Shares [and the Additional Shares] [To be included if parties agree on an option to cover over-allotments], in the form heretofore delivered to the Manager is now proposed to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.]

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Equity Distribution Agreement which are incorporated herein by reference, the Company agrees to issue and sell to [] and the latter agrees to purchase from the Company the number of shares of the Purchased Shares at the time and place and at the purchase price set forth in the Schedule I hereto. Nothing contained in this Terms Agreement or in the Equity Distribution Agreement shall prohibit the Company from entering into a Terms Agreement or similar agreement with respect to the offering, issuance and sale of any securities of the Company with any other institution and the offering, issuance and sale of such securities at any time pursuant to the terms of such agreement.

		Easterly Government Properties, Inc.	
		By: Name	
		Title:	
ACCEPTED first written a	as of the date above.		
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By:			
Name: Title:			

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please sign and return to us a counterpart hereof, whereupon this Terms Agreement, including those provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement incorporated herein by reference, shall constitute a binding agreement between the Manager

and the Company.

[Form of Terms Agreement] Schedule I to the Terms Agreement Title of Purchased Shares [and Additional Shares]: Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share Number of Shares of Purchased Shares: [Number of Shares of Additional Shares:] [Price to Public:] Purchase Price by []: Method of and Specified Funds for Payment of Purchase Price: By wire transfer to a bank account specified by the Company in same day funds. Method of Delivery: Free delivery of the Shares to the Manager's account at The Depository Trust Company in return for payment of the purchase price.

Time of Delivery:

Closing Location:

Lock-up:

Documents to be Delivered:

The following documents referred to in the Equity Distribution Agreement shall be delivered as a condition to the closing at the Time of Delivery [and on any Option Closing Date]:

- (1) The opinion referred to in Section 4(1).
- (2) The opinion referred to in Section 4(m).
- (3) The accountants' letter referred to in Section 4(n).
- (4) The officers' certificate referred to in Section 4(k).
- (5) Such other documents as the Manager shall reasonably request.

March 3, 2017

Easterly Government Properties, Inc. 2101 L Street NW, Suite 650 Washington, D.C. 20037

Re: <u>Securities Registered under Registration Statement on Form S-3</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to you in connection with your filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-210049) (as amended or supplemented, the "Registration Statement") filed on March 9, 2016 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration of the offering by Easterly Government Properties, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), of up to \$500,000,000 of any combination of securities of the types specified therein. The Registration Statement was declared effective by the Commission on May 3, 2016. Reference is made to our opinion letter dated March 9, 2016 and included as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. We are delivering this supplemental opinion letter in connection with the prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") filed on March 3, 2017 by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. The Prospectus Supplement relates to the offering by the Company of up to \$100,000,000 of shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), covered by the Registration Statement. The Shares are being offered and sold by the sales agents named in, and pursuant to equity distribution agreements by and among the Company, Easterly Government Properties LP, a Delaware limited partnership and each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., BTIG, LLC, Jefferies LLC, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., as sales agents and/or principals (the "Equity Distribution Agreements").

We have reviewed such documents and made such examination of law as we have deemed appropriate to give the opinion set forth below. We have relied, without independent verification, on certificates of public officials and, as to matters of fact material to the opinion set forth below, on certificates of officers of the Company.

For purposes of the opinion set forth below, we have assumed that the Shares are issued for a price per share equal to or greater than the minimum price authorized by the Company's board of directors prior to the date hereof (the "Minimum Price") and, in the future, the Company does not issue shares of Common Stock or reduce the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is authorized to issue under its charter such that the number of

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authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock under the Company's charter is less than the number of unissued Shares that may be issued for the Minimum Price.

The opinion set forth below is limited to the Maryland General Corporation Law (which includes reported judicial decisions interpreting the Maryland General Corporation Law).

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when issued, delivered and paid for in accordance with the Equity Distribution Agreements and in exchange for a price per share equal to or greater than the Minimum Price, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the Shares (the "Current Report"), which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Current Report and its incorporation by reference and the reference to our firm in that report. In giving our consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Goodwin Procter LLP

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