

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Easterly Government Properties, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**47-2047728**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**2101 L Street NW, Suite 650  
Washington, D. C. 20037**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

**EASTERLY GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES, INC. 2015 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**  
(Full title of the plan)

**William C. Trimble, III  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
Easterly Government Properties, Inc.  
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(202) 595-9500**

(Name and address of agent for service. Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

*Copies to:*

**Mark S. Opper  
Goodwin Procter LLP  
100 Northern Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210  
(617) 570-1000**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Do not check if a small reporting company)		Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Emerging Growth Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Proposed maximum offering price per share <sup>(3)</sup>	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price <sup>(3)</sup>	Amount of registration fee <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	3,000,000	\$19.23	\$57,690,000	\$7,182.41

- (1) This Registration Statement relates to 3,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock") issuable under the Registrant's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"). Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock that become issuable under the Plan by reason of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or similar transaction with respect to the Common Stock.
- (2) The Registrant previously filed a Registration Statements on Form S-8 on February 10, 2015 (No. 333-202008) with respect to 2,273,959 shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan. By filing this Registration Statement in accordance with Instruction E to Form S-8, the Registrant is registering the issuance of the 3,000,000 additional shares of Common Stock approved for issuance under the Plan at the Registrant's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on May 9, 2017.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h)(1) and Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act, and based on the average of the high and low sale prices of the Registrant's Common Stock, as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, on February 22, 2018.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

In accordance with the instructional Note to Part I of Form S-8 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and Rule 428(b)(1), the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 has been omitted from this Registration Statement. This Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Easterly Government Properties, Inc. (the "Company") is being filed pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8 in connection with the registration of an additional 3,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), that may be issued pursuant to the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"). The contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-202008), under which 2,273,959 shares of Common Stock were registered for issuance under the Plan, as updated by the information set forth below, are incorporated herein by reference.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof:

- the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the Commission on March 1, 2018; and
- the description of the Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission under the Exchange Act on February 3, 2015, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with Commission rules shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsels.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except to the extent that (a) it is proved that the person actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services for the amount of the benefit or profit in money, property or services actually received; or (b) a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the person is entered in a proceeding based on a finding in the proceeding that the person's action, or failure to act, was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding. The Company's charter contains a provision that eliminates such liability of the Company's directors and authorizes the Company to eliminate such liability of its officers, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

The Maryland General Corporation Law ("MGCL") requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Company's charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity, or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter in the proceeding, against reasonable expenses incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceeding, claim, issue or matter. The MGCL permits a Maryland corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or are threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

- the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and:
  - was committed in bad faith; or
  - was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;
- the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or
- in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation may not, however, indemnify a director or officer for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or if the director or officer was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless limited by the charter (which the Company's charter does not), a court of appropriate jurisdiction, upon application of a director or officer, may order indemnification if it determines that the director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not the director or officer met the standards of conduct described above or has been adjudged liable on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received, but such indemnification shall be limited to expenses.

In addition, the MGCL permits a Maryland corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer, without requiring a preliminary determination of the director's or officer's ultimate entitlement to indemnification, upon the corporation's receipt of:

- a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and

- a written undertaking by the director or officer or on the director's or officer's behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the director or officer did not meet the standard of conduct.

The Company's charter authorizes it to obligate the Company and the Company's bylaws obligate it with respect to directors only, to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, to indemnify and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding, without requiring a preliminary determination of the director's ultimate entitlement to indemnification, to:

- any present or former director who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity; or
- any individual who, while serving as the Company's director and at the Company's request, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, member or manager of another corporation, real estate investment trust, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity.

The Company's charter and bylaws also permit it to indemnify and advance expenses to (a) any person who served a predecessor of the Company in any of the capacities described above, (b) any officer, employee or agent of the Company or a predecessor of the Company or (c) any officer, employee or agent who, at our request, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner, member, manager, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its executive officers and directors, whereby the Company indemnifies such executive officers and directors and pays or reimburses reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding if such executive officer or director is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law against all expenses and liabilities, subject to limited exceptions. These indemnification agreements also provide that upon an application for indemnity by an executive officer or director to a court of appropriate jurisdiction, such court may order the Company to indemnify such executive officer or director.

The partnership agreement of Easterly Government Properties LP, the partnership of which the Company serves as sole general partner, also provides that the Company, as general partner, is indemnified to the extent provided therein. The partnership agreement further provides that the Company's directors, officers, employees, agents and designees are indemnified to the extent provided therein.

Insofar as the foregoing provisions permit indemnification of directors, officers or persons controlling the Company for liability arising under the Securities Act, the Company has been informed that in the opinion of the Commission, this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

The Company will obtain an insurance policy under which its directors and executive officers are insured, subject to the limits of the policy, against certain losses arising from claims made against such directors and officers by reason of any acts or omissions covered under such policy in their respective capacities as directors or officers, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act.

**Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.1	<a href="#">Specimen Certificate of Common Stock of Easterly Government Properties, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 2 to Easterly Government Properties, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed on January 30, 2015)</a>
5.1*	<a href="#">Opinion of Goodwin Procter LLP</a>
23.1*	<a href="#">Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</a>
23.2*	<a href="#">Consent of Goodwin Procter LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)</a>
24.1*	<a href="#">Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to this Registration Statement)</a>
99.1	<a href="#">Easterly Government Properties, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Amendment No. 2 to Easterly Government Properties, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed on January 30, 2015)</a>

\* Filed herewith.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this Section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement (the "Registration Statement") to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on this 1st day of March, 2018.

### EASTERLY GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ William C. Trimble, III  
Name: William C. Trimble, III  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS that each individual whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints each of William C. Trimble, III and Meghan G. Baivier as such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any said attorney-in-fact and agent, or any substitute or substitutes of any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ William C. Trimble, III</u> William C. Trimble, III	Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ Meghan G. Baivier</u> Meghan G. Baivier	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ Alison M. Bernard</u> Alison M. Bernard	Executive Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ Darrell W. Crate</u> Darrell W. Crate	Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ Michael P. Ibe</u> Michael P. Ibe	Director, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Vice President—Development and Acquisitions	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ William H. Binnie</u> William H. Binnie	Director	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ Cynthia A. Fisher</u> Cynthia A. Fisher	Director	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ Emil W. Henry, Jr.</u> Emil W. Henry, Jr.	Director	March 1, 2018
<u>/s/ James E. Mead</u> James E. Mead	Director	March 1, 2018

## [LETTERHEAD OF GOODWIN PROCTER LLP]

March 1, 2018

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

Re: Securities Being Registered under Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to you in connection with your filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), on or about the date hereof relating to an aggregate of 3,000,000 shares (the "Shares") of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Easterly Government Properties, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), that may be issued pursuant to the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan").

We have reviewed such documents and made such examination of law as we have deemed appropriate to give the opinions 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.

The opinion set forth below is limited to the Maryland General Corporation Law.

For purposes of the opinion set forth below, we have assumed that a sufficient number of authorized but unissued shares of the Company's Common Stock will be available for issuance when the Shares are issued.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, upon issuance and delivery against payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the inclusion of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. 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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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated March 1, 2018 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Easterly Government Properties, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts  
March 1, 2018