**Arriving by Metro/Bus/ Taxi/Rideshare/Uber:**
Stop at Gate 7 Visitor Center and present one form of government issued, unexpired photo identification to the Protective Security Officer (PSO). Once signed in, continue through the main entrance for security screening.

**Arriving by Personal Vehicle/Rental Car:**
Gate 5 can be accessed from Silver Hill Road. The PSO will direct you to the Suitland Visitor Center (SVC) to present one form of government issued, unexpired photo identification and register your vehicle. Immediately departing the SVC, the vehicle will be inspected before being directed to the visitor parking lot in front of the main entrance.
Directions for BEA Visitors

BEA and Census are located together in the Suitland Federal Center

4600 Silver Hill Rd.
Suitland, Md. 20746

Security

When you arrive at one of the federal center’s two Visitor Pass Centers, you must present a photo ID and receive a visitor’s badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor, unless escorted at all times by a Department of Commerce employee. If you are bringing a laptop, it must be registered with building security in the lobby. **Cameras and weapons are not permitted in the building.**

Driving

If you are driving to the federal center, enter through **Gate 5**:

- Arriving via Silver Hill Road, turn into the federal center at the Swann Road traffic light. Use the right-hand lane of the two short entrance lanes.
- Officers at the gatehouse will direct you to turn right into the Visitor Pass Center’s parking lot.
- Enter the small building to log in your ID and vehicle information and receive a visitor’s badge and temporary parking pass.
- You will be directed to the nearby vehicle screening station. At a busy time, processing could take 20 minutes.
- Afterward, you will be directed into the small government-vehicle parking area directly in front of the South Garage (do NOT actually enter the garage). Follow the lane through that parking lot, around the garage and alongside our building, to the visitor parking area in front of the Main Lobby Entrance.

Alternate Option: For a fee, you can park in the Suitland Metro public garage located on Metro/Navy Day Drive (and skip the federal center’s car inspection). Enter the federal center on foot at the Visitor Pass Center at Gate 7. See below.

**Arriving by Metro/Bus/Taxi/Rideshare**

- Suitland Federal Center is adjacent to the Suitland station on Metrorail’s Green line.
- Walking out of the station, take the sidewalk to the left of the Metro garage toward the federal center’s **Gate 7**. Taxis can drop you off at Gate 7 by turning from Silver Hill Road into the Metro entrance on Metro/Navy Day Drive.
- Stop at the Gate 7 Visitor Pass Center to receive a visitor’s badge. Then proceed to the Main Lobby Entrance of our building.