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GSA Awards Construction Contract for New Federal Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi

GREENVILLE, Miss. - The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announces the award of the construction contract for the new U.S. Courthouse in Greenville to Robins & Morton. The new Federal courthouse will provide the Judiciary with a newly constructed 55,639 gross square foot facility along with secure parking in the historic downtown area. The award is the result of the commitment and partnership between GSA, the U.S. Courts, elected officials and the local community. The project is expected to be completed in the Summer of 2024.

"GSA's mission is to deliver value in real estate, acquisition and technology services to our federal customers, like the U.S. Courts and their supporting agencies, as well as the communities they serve," said **Acting Regional Administrator Giancarlo Brizzi**. "We are extremely excited to build the beautiful courthouse that will become a part of the downtown area and contribute to the economic growth of the City."

"Before he left office, my predecessor, Senator Thad Cochran, made it his mission to move the Greenville courthouse project forward and to secure the federal appropriations to get it built. The award of a GSA construction contract on this much-anticipated courthouse is wonderful news, and news which has been years in the making," said **U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith**, ranking member of the Senate appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the GSA. "It has been a pleasure to work with the GSA on this major project. I look forward to the completion of the courthouse and the energy it can bring to downtown Greenville."

"The U.S. Courthouse in Greenville is an important project for citizens in the Mississippi Delta," **U.S. Senator Roger Wicker** said. "Its completion would modernize and make more secure a crucial government function. I am glad the General Services Administration is working to ensure its construction moves forward, promotes justice, and invigorates the city's growing business district."

"On behalf of Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District, I am elated to offer my support for the striking design of the new federal courthouse in Greenville, MS," said **U.S. Congressman Bennie Thompson**. "The new building will brighten the city even more and provide a functional structure for government and justice. Downtown Greenville will continue to be a place of attraction for businesses and people abroad, and I am ecstatic to witness the courthouse being another stunning asset! A lot of hard work went into the construction of this building, and I am excited about the camaraderie and support of this project. The people of the Mississippi Delta deserve a first class courthouse that will accommodate other federal offices."

"We in the Northern District of Mississippi are ecstatic to reach this punctuation point in the long journey towards having our courthouse dreams become a reality," said **U.S. Chief District Court Judge Debra Brown**. "Once completed, this project will close many gaps in this district's functional needs and serve as an enticing beacon for all court visitors and staff. The new courthouse will be a monument of things to come in the Mississippi Delta and benefit and inspire generations in the future. We are deeply grateful for all those whose collaborative efforts have brought us to this moment."

"The General Services Administration's announcement of the contract award for the new Greenville federal courthouse is a monumental milestone," said **U.S. District Court Judge Sharion Aycock**. "We have worked years to bring this to fruition, and I know there has been much frustration and doubt. I cannot thank late Senator Cochran, Senator Wicker, and Senator Hyde-Smith enough for their persistent influence in bringing this project to realization. The Senators, their staffs, GSA, the Administrative Office of Courts, our architects, our court staff and judges, and the Greenville community never gave up. I am so pleased a new federal courthouse in Greenville will become a reality for the State of Mississippi."

"The new federal courthouse in our downtown is a legacy project that will change the face of Greenville for decades," said **Greenville Mayor Errick D. Simmons**. This courthouse shows how local and federal partnerships matter in maximizing federal investments in supporting the economic vision of local communities across the country. I applaud the commitments of late Senator Thad Cochran, Senator Roger Wicker, Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, and our federal judiciary in the Northern District of Mississippi for this courthouse. This project speaks volumes about how local and federal partnerships matter."

Project Details:

- The new federal courthouse will be located on a 2.5 acre site in the city's original central business district near the east bank of the Mississippi River.
- The facility will have two courtrooms (one district and one magistrate) and three judicial chambers (one district, one magistrate and one visiting).
- Tenant agencies include the U.S. District Court, U.S. Clerk of the Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, U.S. Magistrate Court, U.S. Marshals, U.S. Probation, Federal Public Defender, U.S. Attorneys and GSA.
- GSA anticipates the start of construction in Summer 2022 and occupancy in Summer 2024.

Additional Resources

- <u>GSA Announces \$947 Million Courthouse Investment Plan</u> GSA News Release (4/18/16)
- FY 2016 Funding Meets Judiciary Needs U.S. Courts Release (12/21/2015)

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