



# DFC Community News

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## Spotlight

### History at Work



It's amazing to see the changes taking place across the Denver Federal Center's landscape. Sixty-five years ago, the largest contract ever awarded by a federal agency in Colorado was announced - \$122.2 million dollars. This included

developing the land, buildings, and equipment associated with the Denver Ordnance Plant (DOP), known today as the Denver Federal Center (DFC). The landscape has changed drastically from its humble beginnings of a once described "bleak cattle ranch," to ammunitions manufacturing plant, to federal office campus.

In 1996, GSA decided that it should capture some of the history of the center by establishing a museum. The DFC museum started out with 100 artifacts and since, it has grown to have nearly 370 artifacts including emergency equipment used on the DOP as well as a rail cars used to transport materials from one building to another. The intent of the DFC Museum is to capture the tremendous impact the center has had on Colorado's history and the cultural changes that have taken place.

Change is indeed in the air. The recently approved DFC Master Site Plan will usher in more changes as the land is transformed into a mixed use urban location allowing GSA to reconsider the future direction of the impact the museum could have. GSA decided to select a passionate and driven Museum Director, Leslie Galluzzo, who is moving forward to share the unique stories and artifacts of the center with the greater Lakewood community.

The DFC Museum's vision is to be a community landmark that educates, inspires, and leads the Lakewood community in merging the center's rich history and evidence of people and their environment with the extended community. The DFC Museum serves as a bridge between the everyday world of a visitor and the world of history. Be sure to visit [www.gsa.gov/dfcmuseum](http://www.gsa.gov/dfcmuseum) for more information and to schedule your tour!

## Upcoming Events

### Are You Looking to Network?



The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) is a non-profit professional organization of persons involved in planning

government meetings and those individuals who supply services to government planners. SGMP provides educational programs, conferences and networking opportunities.

All federal and state planners are invited to attend one of SGMP's monthly networking events free of charge. For more information about SGMP, contact Kimberly Pease, Rocky Mountain Chapter President at 720-963-3444 or [kimberly.pease@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:kimberly.pease@fhwa.dot.gov).

#### Upcoming events schedule:

- November 18, 2008, at the Red Lion Hotel in Denver; Topic: Event Planning from A-Z
- December 16, 2008, at the Renaissance Denver Hotel; Topic: Meeting Planning Jeopardy/Holiday Event
- January 27, 2009, at the Doubletree Hotel DTC; Topic: FISH Training
- February 24, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Lakewood; Topic: Internet Tools

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## Agency Articles

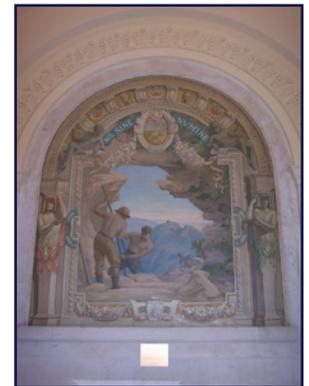
### Preserving History through Works of Art

It's hard to miss the magnificent 244,000 square foot neoclassical federal building located at 1832 Stout Street in downtown Denver. The massive Byron White Courthouse is made of white Colorado Yule marble and set on a pedestal that is surrounded by sidewalks and 16 Ionic columns. The courthouse is embellished with notable artwork, some more obvious than other. For example, at the southwest building entrance, you will find a pair of Indiana limestone sculptures of Rocky Mountain sheep commissioned from Denver artist Gladys Caldwell Fisher (1907-1952). Upon entering the building, you'll find four allegorical murals completed in 1918 by Herman T. Schladermundt.

These murals were initially restored in the 1960s. The problem with this effort was that the restoration compromised about 90 percent of the art by size alterations, heavy cleaning, and extensive overpainting. The U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) Special Programs Coordinator, Janet Preisser, saw the opportunity to restore the art to its originally intended format by commissioning yet another conservation treatment effort. She was able to initiate this one-half million dollar project through GSA's Fine Arts Program that manages the agencies Fine Arts Collection to ensure its safety, accessibility, preservation, and appropriate use in order to enhance and promote high-quality work environments for federal agencies and the public they serve.

The Fine Arts Collection, one of our nation's oldest and largest public art collections, consists of permanently installed and moveable mural paintings, sculpture, architectural or environmental works of art, and works on paper dating from the 1850's. The restoration staff working on the murals used scaffolding to embark on the tedious effort of cleaning and then painting to get the artwork back to its original format. At times this required the team to use tools as small as Q-tips.

The murals are accessible once you pass the building's interior security. The work done should keep the murals in good condition for the next 50 to 100 years. For more information about GSA's fine art program, contact Janet Preisser at 303.236.8000 ext. 5248 or [janet.preisser@gsa.gov](mailto:janet.preisser@gsa.gov).



### GSA Advantage!® Enhancements Lead to record \$558 Million Sales



GSA Advantage!®, which serves as the federal government's online shopping and ordering system, posted record sales in fiscal year 2008. System improvements led to ease of use for customers, new product and service offerings, and a greater number of products and services available. These improvements led to a record \$558 million in sales volume for the fiscal year ending September 30, a 24 percent increase over FY '07 figures.

GSA Advantage!® provides access to thousands of contractors and millions of supplies (products) and services. For more than 12 years, GSA Advantage!® has been a reliable and proven one-stop online resource for thousands of federal employees worldwide. GSA Advantage!® offers the most comprehensive selection of approved products and services from GSA contracts. It allows customers to tailor their searches specifically for products and services provided by small-, minority-, veteran-, and women-owned businesses.

The system even has thousands of products and services available to assist federal agencies meet their environmental purchasing goals. The environmental aisle is designed to allow direct access to the variety of environmental products and services that GSA offers. Customers are encouraged to purchase products designated as biobased and recycled content, ENERGY STAR and FEMP qualified, water efficient, and non-ozone depleting materials.

GSA also launched a new version of e-Buy during the past fiscal year. GSA's e-Buy is an electronic Request for Quote (RFQ)/Request for Proposal (RFP) system designed to allow Federal buyers to request information, find sources, and prepare RFQs/RFPs online, for millions of services and products offered through GSA's Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) and Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs). Federal buyers can use e-Buy to obtain quotes or proposals for services, large quantity purchases, big ticket items, and purchases with complex requirements.

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## What's Happening on the DFC?

### Imagination in Practice



October 27, 2008, marked the first day of Einstein Bagel's opening its doors for business at the Denver Federal Center's Building 41. You'll find the café to be in an inviting environment offering authentic, fresh bagels, cream cheese spreads, sandwiches, yogurts, and salads. You can also order your morning caffeine fix in the form of an espresso or blended coffees. Breakfast and lunch are available Monday – Friday from 6:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Over a year ago, some GSA's Rocky Mountain Region employees brainstormed ideas around how they could improve the region's food and beverage services. This session led to a unique collaboration between GSA and the state of Colorado, resulting in a franchise opportunity with Einstein's. This venture is in full compliance with the Randolph Sheppard Act and you'll even find that Einstein's trained and hired the previous cafeteria staff to run its store.

Building 41's Einstein location is a pilot store that will determine whether additional franchise opportunities are viable across GSA's Rocky Mountain Region. In the short-term, you may see additional satellite Einstein locations in other DFC buildings. For more information, contact Jana Faris, Building Management Specialist, at 303.236.8000 ext. 2241 or [jana.faris@gsa.gov](mailto:jana.faris@gsa.gov).

### Prairie Dog Management

Prairie Dog removal on certain parts of the DFC commenced in September and will continue through 2009. The removal effort consists of live-trapping of the prairie dogs, euthanizing, and transporting the animals to the Northern Colorado Raptor Rehabilitation Centers. The prairie dogs play a vital role in the rehabilitation of injured hawks and eagles. A local wildlife management firm led by Certified Wildlife Biologists is handling the trapping.

Prior to initiation of this project, a concerted effort was made by GSA to find a suitable receiving site that would allow a live, wild-to-wild relocation of the animals. Unfortunately, no receiving site was willing to accept the animals and therefore GSA chose to donate the animals for use in raptor rehabilitation programs.

All activities are in compliance with state and federal laws and continue to be monitored closely throughout each day of active trapping. Although prairie dogs and other animals (birds, rabbits, squirrels, etc.) may be found in traps at various times throughout the day, the contractor will be monitoring the traps as often as necessary to set the non-targeted animals free and ensure the humane treatment of all animals.

Prairie dogs will not be removed from the southeast corner of the DFC. However, they will be removed from all areas around buildings, landscaped areas, softball fields and locations where future construction is scheduled to occur.

### DFC Solar Park Update

1,530,000 kWh of energy has been produced in the first 10 months of this calendar year. This energy production is about 16% ahead of the minimum required energy production and will mean the project will have a shorter payback than the original prediction of 14 years. In FY '09, look for additional energy and water saving projects at the Denver Federal Center. These include a solar car port for charging GSA's electric vehicles and improved landscape irrigation controls to reduce watering when excessive wind or rain are present.

