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**Brooklyn Firm Receives \$87 Million Contract to Modernize U.S. Courthouse**

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) today announced the award of an \$87 million construction contract to **Volmar Construction of Brooklyn, NY** for a major modernization of the Emanuel Celler U.S. Courthouse at Cadman Plaza in downtown Brooklyn, NY

"This modernization project is the final phase of GSA's plan to provide additional and more modern facilities for the U.S. Courts in downtown Brooklyn. With the recent completion of work and the openings of the new U.S. Courthouse and the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse at Cadman Plaza, this contract will ensure that the facilities at the Emanuel Celler U.S. Courthouse will also be capable of meeting federal court needs well into the future," stated Eileen Long-Chelales, Regional Administrator of GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region. "We are also very pleased to note that our contractor for this significant project is located in Brooklyn and that this contract will be a significant boost for the local economy."

The modernization of the Emanuel Celler U.S. Courthouse, constructed in the late 1960's, will include upgrading the elevators, telecommunication, lighting, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning) systems; replacement of windows, parapet and roofing; providing separate secured circulation for the judges and public; installing a new emergency generator and new fire alarm, sprinkler and security systems; asbestos and lead abatement; PCB removal; a seismic retrofit; and ensuring the facility is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project will take place in two phases, starting in July 2006. The courts will partially occupy the building during the construction, which is anticipated to be finished by October, 2009.

"GSA views the Judiciary as an important federal customer agency," said David L. Winstead, Commissioner of GSA's Public Buildings Service. "And we are committed to providing the Courts with high-quality workspaces, enabling them to concentrate on their core mission of administering justice on behalf of the American people."

Volmar Construction, headquartered in Brooklyn, is a general contractor that specializes in the renovation of commercial buildings. For information on subcontracting opportunities under this contract, contact Ms. Olivia Kouridakis of Volmar Construction at (718) 832-2444.

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