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GSA Awards Contract for New LA Courthouse and Takes Steps to Dispose 312 Spring Street Facility

LOS ANGELES — Today, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) awarded the design-build contract for the Los Angeles U.S. Courthouse to the Clark Construction Group. The new courthouse will house active and senior judges of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, and U.S. Marshals Service. The facility will also provide trial preparation space for the U.S. Attorneys' Office and the Federal Public Defender.

This announcement is a major milestone for both the agency and the U.S. Courts, who have worked closely for nearly a decade to create a viable redevelopment plan addressing the courts' long term security and functional needs. The new 550,000-square-foot building will be a sustainable, cost-effective, state-of-the-art court facility that includes security upgrades that are not available in the current 312 North Spring Street courthouse.

In addition to the contract award, today, the agency took steps towards disposing the historic Spring Street Courthouse facility by issuing a Request for Information (RFI) soliciting creative development ideas for the potential adaptive reuse of the facility. The RFI is posted on FedBizOpps.gov.

"GSA is committed to reducing the federal government's real estate footprint by making more efficient use of our current properties and getting rid of outdated facilities that no longer meet our needs," said GSA Acting Administrator Dan Tangherlini. "The agency is taking a new approach to property disposals by working with the private sector to exchange outdated properties for the construction of new sustainable facilities."

"Today, GSA is pursuing an innovative, cost-saving method of disposing the Spring Street facility. This step is just another example of GSA's commitment to providing real value to the American public," said Tangherlini. "This project would also consolidate other federal agencies in Los Angeles into one state-of-art facility, shrinking the federal real estate footprint and eliminating multiple leases, saving taxpayer dollars."

"We are both proud of and excited about the progress we've made this year in moving the project forward," said GSA Pacific Rim Regional Administrator Ruth Cox. "Working the new construction project in conjunction with the Spring Street exchange also allows us to achieve the right balance within our real estate portfolio."

This project is the latest in the agency's ongoing effort to dispose of excess properties, making more efficient use of the government's real estate assets and saving taxpayer dollars. GSA chose an integrated design that is environmentally responsible and provides the best value to the American taxpayers. Project design will begin immediately following the contract award, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2013, and an anticipated completion in 2016.

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