

Fact Sheet

Anchorage Federal Building

Built in 1940, Addition 1957, Annex added 1990 (Gross square footage 101,976)



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The historic Anchorage Federal Building in South Central Alaska is often referred to as the “Old Federal Building.” Originally built as a federal courthouse and post office, this building now houses the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Alaska Public Lands Information Center and the offices of several other federal agencies. Situated in Anchorage’s central business district, it maintains a prominent place in the local community.

The building features three floors above grade and one below grade. It was designed by Gilbert Stanley Underwood, noted architect of National Park lodges and many federal buildings in the western states. The building style is characterized as “New Deal Concrete,” and is constructed of cast-in-place concrete with steel reinforcement. A testimony to its solid structure and utilitarian strength, the building survived Anchorage’s 9.2 magnitude earthquake in 1964.

In 1957 the government built an addition to house a Territorial courtroom for the emerging State of Alaska. In 1990, GSA constructed the National Archives and Records Administration annex attached to the original building via an enclosed walkway, which provided an additional 5,000 square feet of climate-controlled space to the structure.

The building, a conduit to community events, serves as the starting point for the annual Iditarod dog-sled race. It is listed on the National Historic Register.

The last customer satisfaction rating was conducted in 2012 with an overall satisfaction score of 85 percent.

Sustainable Building Features:

- Installed two new energy efficient boilers
- Replaced fixed-flow ventilation system with a demand-control ventilation system
- Installed advanced metering: One data acquisition server meter, four electric, two natural gas, and three water meters
- Installed light sensors
- Installed automatic faucets for the bathrooms
- Working to replace high pressure sulfur lights with LED lights