



Media Advisory

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Green Building Transformation Underway in Downtown Indianapolis

Indianapolis Mayor Gregory Ballard will join Acting Regional Administrator J. David Hood of the U.S. General Services Administration at the historic Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in downtown Indianapolis Wednesday to mark the start of the construction phase of the building's ongoing modernization project.

GSA is using \$74 million in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to turn the century-old landmark into a high-performance green building while preserving its historic character and significance.

The modernization project will replace the courthouse's aging, inefficient building systems with state-of-the-art energy- and water-saving technologies. Upgrades include a new high-efficiency heating system, rainwater collection and reuse system, and a vegetative "green" roof. The project has been designed to achieve LEED Silver rating from the U.S. Green Building Council upon completion.

The project team is led by Shiel Sexton Co. of Indianapolis and includes 15 other local companies.

- WHO** Gregory Ballard, Mayor of Indianapolis
J. David Hood, Acting Great Lakes Regional Administrator,
U.S. General Services Administration
- WHAT** Mayor Ballard and Acting Regional Administrator Hood will unveil a
12 ft. x 6 ft. outdoor sign that announces work has begun.
- WHEN** 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13
- WHERE** On Bayh Building's upper plaza southwest corner (Ohio and
Meridian Streets)

Following a brief sign unveiling at the ceremony, Acting Regional Administrator Hood and Mayor Ballard will give short remarks and take questions from the news media.

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