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**GSA Greens the Poff Federal Building**  
*Recovery Act Project Will Save Energy, Taxpayer Money*

**PHILADELPHIA** – Using funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the U.S. General Services Administration awarded a design contract for the green renovation of the Richard H. Poff Federal Office and Courthouse Building in Roanoke, Va.

The award of the design contract is the first step in the \$50.9 million project to turn the building into a high-performance green building. The modernization will incorporate many advanced technology energy saving features, including a new curtain wall window system to reduce heating, cooling and lighting costs, and a solar roof system to generate renewable electricity.

“Through a comprehensive, state-of-the-art upgrade to the Richard H. Poff Federal Office and Courthouse Building’s energy systems, we will help preserve this facility for generations to come, while saving taxpayer dollars through the building's increased energy efficiency,” said GSA Acting Regional Administrator Linda Chero. “The green technologies employed in this project will create jobs in both traditional construction sectors and emerging green industries.”

The \$2.9 million design contract was awarded to TranSystems Corporation based in Kansas City, Mo. The design work is expected to begin this month and completed during the summer of 2010. Construction work will begin soon thereafter.

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