

**PRESERVATION**

## James V. Hansen Federal Building

324 25th Street  
Ogden, UT

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The James V. Hansen Federal Building was designed by local Ogden architect Keith W. Wilcox and Associates and completed in 1965. Designed in the New Formalism style, it has vertically oriented massing, symmetrical and orderly elevations, defined entablature and an exterior colonnade. Marble, granite and cast-in-place concrete were used throughout to portray the importance of the structure. The Formalist style is a mid-century effort to update past classical styles with new technologies, materials, and design elements.

The building's location was set by the city's urban renewal policy and the desire to improve an area of town that was viewed as unwelcome due to decades of urban blight. The newly built federal building contributed to Ogden's revitalization of the downtown core. The Hansen FB is located one block to the east of the Lower 25th Street Historic District.

The east reflecting pool contains an original bronze sculpture, designed by artist James Herbert Fetzgerald. Titled "The Spirit of the Outdoors", is a prominent feature of the building's main facade. The west reflecting pool is straddled by building signage.

In 2004, the building was renamed in honor of James V. Hansen, a notable Utah Congressman. The building has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a fine, local example of modern architecture.

