

U.S. Courthouse

Erie, Pennsylvania



PROJECT UPDATE

February 2004

Phase II Completion a Win-Win for Tenants and Erie Community

The Library Building, built in 1897, is one of the oldest buildings in Erie and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. With Phase II of our project now complete, the Library Building has been restored to its historic grandeur and the adaptive reuse of the facility is proving to be a success.

"I am delighted with the restoration of the old Erie County Library," said Judge Richard L. Nygaard, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and tenant in the new facility. "It is truly magnificent. The entire Erie community will be thrilled that this landmark building was saved and refurbished to its original grandeur. I am lucky to have my chambers located within its walls."



The Baker Building, built in 1946 and determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, is another local landmark that lives on as a result of our Phase II construction. The Baker storefront has been successfully converted to a Post Office and the U.S. Postal Service is now operating from the facility.

Construction of the new Annex was substantially completed in September 2003 and the new glass connector now serves as a single point of entry for the facility.



Little known fact: As you pass under the suspended Judges' Library in the glass connector, take notice of the pattern in the woodwork. It was designed to mimic the pattern in the suspended art glass, designed by glass artist David Wilson.



Larry Boreali Named Project Manager for Phase III

Ed Myers, former GSA Project Manager for this project, has assumed a new role in GSA as Lead Project Manager in the GSA Mid-Atlantic Region Chesapeake Service Center.

Larry Boreali, who served as the GSA Project Engineer since the start of construction, has been named GSA Project Manager for Phase III, renovation of the Federal Building. Boreali will take over for Abby Smith who has been serving as interim Project Manager since Myers' reassignment. Boreali has been heavily involved in every aspect of construction throughout the project and brings a lot of personal knowledge and experience to the job. He can be reached by phone at 215-446-4557 or by email at larry.boreali@gsa.gov.

Phase III Moves Scheduled for June and August

Phase III moves will be here before we know it. GSA will be hiring a move contractor for those agencies interested in submitting a Reimbursable Work Authorization (RWA) to GSA for move-related services. In the near future, GSA will be providing interested agencies with an estimate of the move costs and deadline for submitting your RWA to GSA. Please remember that it is your responsibility to move all personal property. Also, we would like to remind agencies that tele/data services and equipment moves are the responsibility of the moving agency and it is crucial that you arrange for service and complete installation in time for your move into your new space. The projected move schedule is as follows:

AGENCY	CURRENT LOCATION	Est 6/2004 moves NEW LOCATION	Est. 8/2004 moves NEW LOCATION
USBC Judge Bentz	Lease		2nd Floor - Library
USBC Visiting Judge	Lease		4th Floor - Annex
USBC Clerk	Lease		1st Floor - Library
USDC Judge Cohill	Library	2nd Floor - FB	
USDC Clerk	Library	1st Floor - FB	
Probation	Library	1st Floor - FB	
Pre-Trial	Library	1st Floor - FB	
US Attorney	Lease	3rd Floor - Annex	
USMS - 2nd Floor Cells	N/A	2nd Floor - FB	
IRS	Lease	4th Floor - Annex	

WATER

The Results Are In...

Microbac, an environmental testing firm, was hired to conduct testing of the new domestic water system for the facility. Testing was conducted during December 2003 and January 2004 and the results indicate that all measures are within acceptable EPA standards.

The water coolers, installed for the convenience of our tenants until the new water system could be completed and tested, will be removed from the facility within the next several weeks.

Thank you for your patience as we worked to ensure safe drinking water throughout the facility.

About The Mail...

Deliveries

All deliveries will be delivered to the loading dock on East 7th Street. Packages that require signatures will still be brought to your office, only after the package and delivery person have been screened. If a large package is delivered or shipped to the dock, someone from your office may be asked to come to the dock for signature and acceptance.

Mailroom

The mailroom in the loading dock is now in use. Mail and delivery personnel will be screened, then delivery personnel will sort and place items in your mail slots. If you haven't done so already, someone in your office should label a slot with your office name. We are proud to report that we have plenty of room, so reserve adequate space for your deliveries.

Outgoing Mail

The U.S. Postal Service has installed a mailbox at the loading dock. Mail will be collected 4:30pm Monday-Friday. Federal Express will pick up packages from the "Federal Express" bin in the mailroom between 3pm-4:30pm Monday-Friday.

Upcoming Tenant Meeting:

The Project Team will be holding a tenant meeting:

**Wednesday
February 25, 2004
2 p.m.
Courtroom C**

We will discuss construction progress, tentative completion dates and move schedules.

We will also be discussing move and move coordination services.

If you are not currently on our mailing list to receive this update via e-mail, and would like to be added to our list, please send a note to cathleen.blaston@gsa.gov

PROJECT MILESTONES

Construction Notice to Proceed	3/25/02	COMPLETED
Groundbreaking Ceremony	4/22/02	COMPLETED
Start Demo of Baker Building	April '02	COMPLETED
Begin foundations/Erect Structural Steel	August '02	COMPLETED
Temporary Close-in Annex Envelope	Winter '02/'03	COMPLETED
Phase 2 Complete	September '03	COMPLETED
Phase 2 Moves	September '03	COMPLETED
Phase 3 Complete	May '04	
Phase 3 Moves	June '04	
Restore Swing Space	July '04	
Final Occupancy	August '04	