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## **Des Moines Federal Building 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

WHO: Federal Employees, GSA Representatives  
WHAT: Anniversary Recognition Ceremony  
WHERE: Des Moines Federal Building, 210 Walnut  
WHEN: Friday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m.

### **EVENT PROGRAM:**

Presentation of Colors - Iowa State Naval ROTC Color Guard  
Star Spangled Banner - Desoto Intermediate Students  
Introduction of Guest - Doug Papineau, Director of GSA's Iowa Field Office  
Remarks - Mary Ruwwe, GSA Assistant Regional Administrator  
Keyboard - Bill Wesloski and Susan Coles

DES MOINES, IOWA - In recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Des Moines Federal Building (Neal Smith Federal Building), the U.S. General Services Administration is inviting federal employees to a special ceremony at the building on Friday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m.

The Des Moines Federal Building was constructed in 1967 and dedicated in 1968. A dominant fixture on the downtown Des Moines skyline, the building makes a strong statement as a symbol of our federal government in Iowa.

With about 390,000 square feet, the Des Moines Federal Building is a multi-tenant federal office building that houses more than 40 federal agencies. The building has 12 floors, including the basement and penthouse, with structural columns that break-up wide interior spaces. A new facade for the building was completed in 2005.

It was constructed with materials designed specifically to result in lower maintenance costs, and the polished black granite and the ceramic glazed gray brick have resulted in a surface which has been virtually self-cleaning over the years. Like most federal buildings of the period, its simplicity and design allow for maximum flexibility with wide open spaces surrounding the central service elements.

The building will be renamed the Neal Smith Federal Building later this month in honor of the long-time Iowa Congressman.

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