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**CONTRACTOR SELECTED FOR PHASE II OF SUPREME COURT
MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

WASHINGTON -- Grunley Construction Co, Inc., of Rockville, Maryland, has been selected as the contractor for the second phase of the Supreme Court Building Modernization Project.

The Supreme Court Building has not been upgraded since its completion in 1935. The work on the Supreme Court Building is being done in two phases. The first phase of the five-year project began in July 2003 with the construction of a two-story, underground annex on the Maryland Avenue side of the building that will provide necessary space for the Supreme Court Police — a function that was virtually non-existent when the building opened in 1935. Phase I construction is scheduled to be completed in July 2004. Phase II will begin this spring and is scheduled to be completed in summer 2008.

Phase II, the modernization of the building's infrastructure, will include the upgrading and replacing of building systems such as the mechanical and electrical systems, and moving some functions to provide more efficient use of space, to better serve the public, or to comply with code requirements. Phase II work also will include the completion of the interior of the underground annex.

The Office of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) is administering the project. The General Services Administration has assisted the AOC in the contract bidding and award process.

Grunley Construction was founded in 1955 and is ranked among the largest general contractors in the Washington, D.C., metro area. The company has done several prominent construction and renovation projects for the Architect of the Capitol and the U.S. General Services Administration, such as the Smithsonian Institution Castle; the Library of Congress buildings; the White House; and the new National World War II Memorial scheduled to be dedicated in May 2004. Grunley is currently completing the modernization of the U.S. Department of the Interior Headquarters; the Internal Revenue Services Headquarters; the Eisenhower Executive Office Building; the U.S. Treasury Main Building; and the National Archives Building.

The total cost of the Supreme Court Modernization Project is estimated at \$122 million.

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