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Officials Break Ground on New Federal Courthouse

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. -- Missouri Governor Matt Blunt, U.S. Sen. Kit Bond, U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton and other federal and local officials broke ground on a new federal courthouse today at the corner of Lafayette and State streets.

The new courthouse, scheduled to be complete in 2011, is the first redevelopment activity to start at the site of the old state penitentiary.

"Construction on this courthouse could not come at a better time. In the aftermath of this fall's financial crisis, people are worried about their retirement funds, their savings and especially, their jobs. The best thing that anyone can have to weather difficult financial times is a job and this project will create good paying jobs for Missourians," Bond said.

To be located on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River, the new 118,000-square-foot courthouse will be the home for the U.S. Courts family in Jefferson City, which is part of the 8th Circuit Court in the Western District of Missouri. It will provide space for two district courtrooms and two magistrate courtrooms. In addition to the courtrooms and chambers, there will be space for a bankruptcy chamber, the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Attorney, Probation and Pretrial Services. There will also be space for GSA and local congressional offices.

Plans for the courthouse were first announced in January 2006 following an appropriation from Congress to begin designing the building. The selected site was also announced at that time.

"The new federal courthouse will encourage additional growth and increased opportunity for Jefferson City," Blunt said. "This federal courthouse is the first of what we expect to be several new developments on this land. The Missouri State Prison Redevelopment Commission is working with federal and local officials to encourage future development on the remaining acres of the property, while seeking to preserve the history of this site."

When complete, the courthouse will be clad in limestone with a light gray granite base. The design embodies the building's civic purpose. Its simple "L-shaped" plan will embrace the entrance and articulate the importance of the building's function while

translating between the design's contemporary and classical aesthetic components. On the river side, the building's corner is carved away to create a double terrace to be recognizable from the bridges that enter the city from the north.

"I am so pleased to have worked through the years to ensure a new federal courthouse will be constructed in Jefferson City," Skelton said. "From the ground we break today will rise a beautiful new building that will improve security and increase office space for our federal judges and other federal employees while also bolstering Jefferson City's efforts to revitalize the Missouri State Prison site. I commend local leaders for working with the judges in the Western District Federal Court and with their elected federal representatives to ensure this day would become a reality."

"Senator Bond and Congressman Skelton were both instrumental in providing funding for this badly needed courthouse, and Governor Blunt and the prison redevelopment commission have been outstanding partners in making this vision a reality," said Brad Scott, GSA's Regional Administrator. "GSA is proud to play a role in contributing to the realization of this dream for Jefferson City."

Designer: Kallmann, McKinnell and Wood Architects, Inc. (Boston, Mass.)

Design Consultants: Shaughnessy, Fickel & Scott Architects (Kansas City, Mo.); Walter Moore and Associates (Kansas City, Mo.); and BGR Consulting Engineers (Kansas City, Mo.)

Construction Managers: J.E. Dunn Construction (Kansas City, Mo.) and Don Todd and Associates (Oakland, Calif.)

Estimate Total Project Cost: \$70,000,000.

