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**GSA/Census Bureau Dedicate New Census Headquarters  
at Suitland Federal Center in Suburban Maryland**  
*The 1.5 million square foot complex will help revitalize the Suitland area*

WASHINGTON, DC – The General Services Administration (GSA), in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau (Census), today marks the dedication for its new 1.5 million square foot headquarters in Suitland, Maryland. This unique and exciting project, which has already won numerous awards, including a GSA Design Excellence Award, and an American Institute of Architects Honor Award, will consolidate operations for Census, housing 6,000 employees.

“The new Census complex beautifully demonstrates how GSA can develop world class workspace that is also a stunning architectural achievement,” stated Lurita Doan, GSA Administrator. “This new headquarters will serve as a focal point for the Suitland Federal Center and as a gateway to the Suitland community.”

The building is a dramatic eight story curvilinear structure clad with a glass and green hued pre-cast façade shielded by a louvered sunscreen constructed of white oak hardwood. This material is a renewable resource, and one of many features that make the project eligible for certification under the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program for environmentally friendly design.

“GSA is pleased that we can transform Suitland Federal Center into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century, state-of-the-art federal campus,” said Ann Everett, Acting Regional Administrator for GSA's National Capital Region. “The new Census headquarters represents a substantial commitment by the federal government that should go far toward boosting the Suitland community's economic vitality.”

The open office layout, which allows both workstations and offices to share in natural light and views of the outdoors, is efficient and flexible. Two-story activity nodes, with connecting stairs provide numerous areas for group activities. Raised access floors in office spaces accommodate power and telecommunications cabling and an employee controlled HVAC distribution system. The first phase of the project was completed in August 2006 and consists of 770,760 square feet with 1592 structured parking spaces. The second phase, which will be completed in December, will consist of 729,722 square feet and 1508 structured parking spaces. The total project cost is projected to be \$331 million.

The joint venture of DMJM of Arlington, Virginia and Heery International of Washington, DC is providing construction management and inspection services to GSA. The project utilized a bridging design/build construction process. It was procured under the bridging design concept developed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, LTD. from their Washington, DC, Chicago, and New York City offices. The Design-Builder is Skanska USA Building Inc., with local offices in Rockville, Maryland, and their designer HKS Inc. of Dallas, Texas, with a local office in Washington, DC.

“GSA is pleased to have partnered with Census in the design and development of the new headquarters, in Suitland,” said Bart Bush, GSA Assistant Regional Administrator, National Capital Region. “These new buildings will provide an excellent workplace for these important employees, just at the time when they face the enormous challenge of conducting another decennial census.”

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