



**GSA Public Buildings Service**



federal buildings and  
modernizations



The Center for Federal Buildings and Modernizations is GSA's advocate and oversight manager for new federal building construction and major repair and alteration projects.

The Center oversees the design and construction of new executive-level agency headquarters, multi-tenant federal office buildings, laboratories, and warehouses, and the modernization and renovation of existing federal facilities, both for the Judicial and Executive branches. Additionally, the Center supports excellence in these and other building types through several specialty programs, including Virtual Design and Construction, the Urban Development/Good Neighbor program, Total Building Commissioning, and the First Impressions program. The Center's award-winning projects represent both a commitment to existing GSA-managed facilities and to the needs of federal agency customers into the future.



## Our Objectives

The Center promotes project delivery excellence from the earliest planning stages of a project through tenant occupancy and post-occupancy commissioning. In order to carry out this commitment, the Center staff:

- Guide and assist regional offices in the successful scoping and funding of federal new construction and modernization projects;
- Make recommendations for Congressional project funding priorities through the Capital Investment and Leasing Program technical review;
- Establish design standards that embody the ideals of the federal government while meeting clients' needs;
- Oversee design quality and the project delivery process to ensure high performance facilities;
- Maintain delivery standards that promote on-time and on-budget completion of projects;
- Support project teams with program guidance and training;
- Advise GSA regional project management teams; and
- Offer subject expertise on topics including spatial modeling, interior design and community development.



## Our Responsibilities

Throughout the life of a project, the Center for Federal Buildings and Modernizations is involved at numerous key stages. The Center's professional staff of architects, engineers and planners:

- Author site selection and project planning guidance;
- Manage the technical review of on-going and future projects;
- Participate in the selection of architect and engineer project teams;
- Coordinate design and construction peer reviews and concept presentations to the PBS Commissioner;

## Our Programs

In addition to promoting excellence in the delivery of new federal buildings and the modernization of existing buildings, the Center for Federal Buildings and Modernizations is the home of several unique programs that provide assistance across GSA. These include:

- **Virtual Design and Construction**, which leads GSA efforts towards verifying the viability of projects through spatial validation and building information modeling (BIM), including studies of projected energy use, project-related phasing and possible design conflicts;
- **Total Building Commissioning**, which advances the process for quality assurance in new construction and facility modernization from early project planning through post-occupancy evaluation,
- **Urban Development/Good Neighbor Program**, which promotes positive benefits to communities in the construction of new buildings and renovation and operation of existing facilities; and
- **First Impressions**, which focuses on design excellence in small projects, particularly those in interior and exterior public spaces, to ensure that federal facilities convey a positive image to federal employees and visitors.

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