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#### PROJECT PURPOSE

The Main Interior Building (MIB) was the first large federal office building with a central heating venting and cooling system. That same system is in operation today. The primary purpose of this Modernization is to replace the ageing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and upgrade the building life safety systems.

The MIB has been a well maintained historic facility and is listed on the National Historic Register. The term "Modernization" can lead one to envision a new look or contemporary architecture. The goal of this project is to respect the historic building fabric, therefore, one of the only architectural changes to the building is the installation of new stair towers at the end of each

wing. Please take time to appreciate the many beautiful nuances of this wonderful facility.



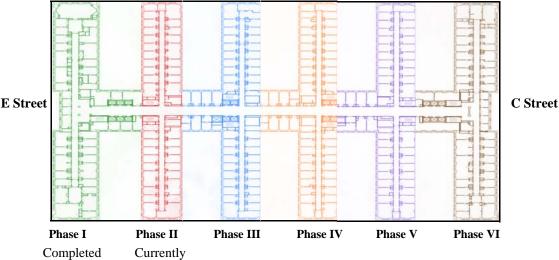
New Corridor Light Fixture

#### PROJECT PHASES

The project is to be completed in 6 major phases (approximately 18 months/phase):

	Start	Finish
Phase 1 (Wing 6)	11/2002	Substantially Complete
Phase 2 (Wing 5)	10/2004	04/2006
Phase 3 (Wing 4)	04/2006	10/2007
Phase 4 (Wing 3)	10/2007	04/2009
Phase 5 (Wing 2)	04/2009	10/2010
Phase 6 (Wing 1)	10/2010	04/2012

### **Typical Floor Plan**



**Under Construction** 

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# **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- LEED EB: The MIB is a pilot participant in the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings. Current plans are to submit for certification by 31 December of 2005.
- Environmental Protection
  Agency (EPA): The MPO
  has been asked to provide
  input as the EPA develops
  guidance on Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) practices for building construction and Operations & Maintenance (O&M).
  Professionals from the EPA

- graciously toured the site and provided suggestions specific to this project.
- Step I of the Computer Room build-out in room 1465 is scheduled to open mid-September
- Floors 2-7 of the 5th Wing are scheduled for re-occupancy in February and March of 2006.
- Step 1 of the reprogrammed Creative Communication Services (CCS) modernization has concluded with their relocation to the 1600W corridor. Customer service is still to be housed in

- room 1063 until the 3rd phase of modernization.
- The gym is temporarily housed in B-200 corridor while their historic facility is modernized with new showers, sauna's and toilet facilities. Reoccupation is scheduled to occur during Phase III.
- Unforeseen conditions in the North Penthouse (the old broadcast studio) have prompted reprogramming therefore the North Penthouse will not be available for use until early Phase III.

## **CONSTRUCTION DISTURBANCES**

We are continuing to do everything possible to limit any disruption to your work environment. Over the next several months there will be construction activities that will generate some noise. If you feel that the noise is excessive, please call the hotline number for assistance.

WE PUT FORTH EVERY EFFORT NOT TO DISTURB YOUR WORK AREA, HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

HOTLINE # 202-208-7283

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL SECURITY AT 202-208-5803 (24 hours a day) OR FACILITIES AT 202-208-7560 (from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE BI-MONTHLY TENANT USER GROUP MEETINGS. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON OCTOBER 27th AT 10 a.m. IN THE RACHEL CARSON ROOM.



Construction of new stair tower

## **RECYCLING ACTIVITIES**

Cooperative efforts of Grunley Construction, GSA and the DOI, approximately 66,000 square feet of glass will be recycled. That is enough glass to make a 1 foot square solid column 1375 feet tall.

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