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- GYMNASIUM SKY-LIGHT REINTRODUCED TO PROJECT
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Specialty Spaces Housed Within Phase II

Phase II of the modernization is the smallest of the phases, yet this phase has some additional complexity as it impacts several non-office or “specialty spaces” within the building.

Computer Room

The recently completed computer room incorporated many programming design changes from the original 1996 construction documents to reflect current departmental needs. Several changes include deletion of the raised flooring system and addition of an open industrial ceiling with overhead ladder racks providing for ease and flexibility for connectivity. Individual computer rooms will now all be co-located within one area.



Printing Plant

The recently relocated printing plant operation was another programming change in response to a desire to downscale their overall footprint reflecting technological advances. Their new location is the north side of 1600 West. The 3rd mini phase of this 3 part relocation will house the printing managers and offices on the south side of 1600 West.

Gymnasium

GSA has agreed to re-roof the gymnasium including the installation of new skylights.



View of roofed over gymnasium skylights

North Penthouse

The North Penthouse served as an educational broadcast studio by both the Interior Bureaus and other governmental departments. For six years, Voice of America was broadcast from this studio. The modernization will provide restrooms and technological upgrades to the penthouse however, completion of this task is not expected until next phase.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

National Fire Safety Month: We want to bring to your attention that the fire alarm is designed for zoned evacuation. For this reason, when a fire is detected, the alarm will sound loudly and clearly on the floor of the activated signal device as well as adjacent floors. It is entirely possible for one to hear a faint alarm from another floor, however, you should verify if the alarm is ringing on your floor and then follow the directions of the Occupant Emergency Plan. Please note the alarm schedule below:



Heat detection device original to building. Removed from M Floor.

Activation of Detection Device

Penthouse:
7th Floor:
6th Floor:
Mechanical Floor:
5th Floor:
4th Floor:
3rd Floor:
2nd Floor:
1st Floor:
Basement:

Alarm Will Sound

Roof, Penthouse & 7
Floors 6, 7, Penthouse & Roof
Floors 5, Mechanical Floor, 6 & 7
Floors 5, Mechanical Floor & 6
Floors 4, 5, Mechanical Floor & 6
Floors 3, 4, 5 & Mechanical Floor
Floors 2, 3 & 4
Floors 1, 2 & 3
Basement, 1 & 2
Basement & 1

Wing 5: Final painting and carpeting activities are occurring on the 7th and 6th floors of the 5th wing. Completion of the 5th wing office tower is on schedule with moves beginning in March.

Work in Main Corridor: The sections cut out of the ceiling are in preparation for the integration of new lighting and a fire sprinkler system.

LEED-EB: In meeting the prerequisite for an organizational Erosion and Sedimentation Plan, DOI is working with GSA to modify the GSA P100 Facilities Standards to include guidance on the development of Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans.

Developing materials for certification submission in December. Certification will be dependent upon completion of all prerequisites and credits.

Programming Issues:

- Relocation of the Health Center (not in original design) and DOI Credit Union.
- The Accessible Technology Center will return to the 2nd floor Main Corridor North.
- A zone of open space planning is also under consideration in areas where corridors are not original.
- Lost space due to new stair towers and kitchenettes will result in a loss of 73 offices in the next phase.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE BI-MONTHLY TENANT USER GROUP MEETINGS. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON DECEMBER 1ST AT 10 a.m. IN THE RACHEL CARSON ROOM.

RECYCLING ACTIVITIES

As of the end of September, 7,417,062 pounds of non-hazardous waste has been removed from the site and 4,174,322 pounds of waste has been recycled.

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Glass Recycling