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GSA Greens Upstate Federal Buildings

NEW YORK CITY – The U.S. General Services Administration is using money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to fund \$1.4 million for energy improvements at federal buildings in upstate New York.

“Through state-of-the-art upgrades to the energy systems at our federal buildings in Albany, Rochester and Syracuse, we will save energy and taxpayer money,” said GSA Acting Regional Administrator John Scorcia. “The green technologies employed in these Recovery Act projects will create jobs in both traditional construction sectors and emerging green industries.”

GSA has allocated \$369,381 for the Leo W. O’Brien Federal Building in Albany, \$379,457 for the Kenneth B. Keating Federal Building in Rochester, and \$697,133 for the James M. Hanley Federal Building in Syracuse. The projects will tune up the buildings’ systems to enhance performance while reducing energy demand and operating and maintenance costs.

GSA awarded contracts in August for recommissioning studies at each site to evaluate the buildings’ energy use and set priorities for savings opportunities. The results from the studies will help identify low-cost, high-impact upgrades to motors, sensors and equipment that could greatly improve energy efficiency at these buildings, all of which were constructed more than 32 years ago.

GSA was appropriated \$5.5 billion under the Recovery Act to convert federal buildings into high-performance green buildings, and build new energy-efficient federal buildings, courthouses, and land ports of entry. These projects will deliver lasting progress towards modernizing our nation’s infrastructure, reducing the Federal government’s consumption of energy and water, and increasing our use of clean and renewable sources of energy.

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