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### **PIRNIE FEDERAL BUILDING EARNS ENERGY STAR®**

UTICA - Energy efficient technologies, systems and products integrated into the Alexander Pirnie Federal Building has helped it earn the Environmental Protection Agency's prestigious Energy Star designation. The building, which houses office space for various federal agencies serving the Utica area, is operated and managed by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

"We are extremely proud of this honor," said GSA Regional Administrator Denise L. Pease. "GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region is completely committed to supporting the Obama Administration's environmental efforts. The Energy Star designations for our buildings are not only proof of our commitment to good environmental stewardship but also demonstrate lowered energy costs, and that's good news for taxpayers."

The ENERGY STAR is recognized nationwide as a symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. It signifies that a building's energy performance rates in the top 25 percent of facilities nationwide. Commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR use an average of 40 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Nationally there are over 12,000 ENERGY STAR buildings, including 195 federal buildings and U.S. Courthouses that are under GSA's jurisdiction. Eleven of these ENERGY STAR federal facilities are located in GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region.

The three-story Alexander Pirnie Federal Building was constructed in 1928-1929 at a cost of less than \$500,000. Originally serving the Utica area as a Post Office, the building was converted in the 1980's into modern office space for local federal offices. The addition of high efficiency gas boilers to the building helped it reduce energy and qualify for the Energy Star. The building is also one of the first two federal buildings in the nation to receive 100% of its energy needs through renewable windpower (the other is the Binghamton Federal Building in Binghamton, NY).

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 50 different kinds of products, new homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government.

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As the federal government's workplace solutions provider, the U.S. General Services Administration works to foster an effective, sustainable and transparent government for the American people. GSA's expertise in government workplace solutions include:

- Effective management of government assets including more than 9,600 government-owned or leased buildings and 210,000 vehicles in the federal fleet, and preservation of historic federal properties;
- Leveraging the government's buying power through responsible acquisition of products and services making up more than 11 percent of the government's total procurement dollars;
- Providing innovative technology solutions to enhance government efficiency and increase citizen engagement; and,
- Promoting responsible use of federal resources through development of governmentwide policies ranging from federal travel to property and management practices.

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