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KEATING FEDERAL BUILDING EARNS ENERGY STAR®

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Energy efficient technologies, systems and products integrated by the U.S. General Service Administration into the Kenneth B. Keating Federal Building has helped recently earn this federal facility the Environmental Protection Agency's prestigious Energy Star designation. The building, located in Rochester, NY, is owned and operated 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 President Obama and his 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 6-story, 252,971 gross square foot Kenneth B. Keating Federal Building was completed in 1972 and houses federal courts and agency operations serving Rochester, N.Y. Several energy saving features contributed to this achievement. GSA installed a new energy-efficient white roof in 2008/9 and is currently converting the building's heating ventilation and air-conditioning control systems from pneumatic to direct digital, which will enhance their efficiency. In addition, the building recently received a re-commissioning, or building tune-up. Re-commissionings serve to identify low-cost, high-impact changes to motors, sensors and equipment as well as advanced meter installations that can greatly improve energy efficiency at buildings, especially older ones.

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. Energy Star labeled buildings use an average of 35 percent less energy and are responsible for 35 percent less carbon dioxide emissions than average buildings. Nationally there are over 12,000 ENERGY STAR buildings. GSA has 149 buildings that have achieved an Energy Star

label, and has an additional 176 buildings that are eligible. Thirteen of these ENERGY STAR federal facilities are located in GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region.

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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