



PRESERVATION Federal Building & U.S. Post Office

657 Second Avenue North, Fargo, ND

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Constructed in 1969 by the GSA, this building consists of three distinct sections, each serving different purposes: public services, postal services, and federal agency offices. The design includes a single-story post office workspace with a mezzanine, a four-story office tower extending above the eastern part of the lower section, and a single-story east/west-oriented section covered in black granite. Reflecting the New Formalism sub-style of Modernism, it features monumental massing, tall colonnades, and high-quality finishes like black granite and white quartz aggregate.



Situated within Fargo's Roberts Street Historic District, the site boasts landscaping, a loading dock, parking facilities, and security measures like bollards and benches. Designed by local firm Foss Engelstad & Foss of Fargo, Inc., this building embodies modern architectural values, utilizing a mix of materials and ornamentation to express its various functions. It's a unique representation of late-1960s modernism in Fargo and remains a prominent architectural landmark. The building cost around \$3.1-\$3.5 million to build, and construction finished in 1969, with dedication in June 1970.