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General Assembly Building Receives Impact Award For 2024

*~ The General Assembly Building takes home Impact
Award given by Richmond Real Estate Group ~*

RICHMOND, Va. – The Department of General Services (DGS) today announced the General Assembly Building received the Impact Award for 2024 from the Richmond Real Estate Group (RREG). DGS managed the construction of the General Assembly Building which was completed in the fall of 2023.

The General Assembly Building was one of 10 Richmond real estate projects nominated for the RREG Impact Award. RREG is a nonprofit organization that promotes ethical and economical commercial real estate practices in the greater Richmond area. The Impact Award recognizes real estate deals that have had a positive impact on the region and are architecturally significant.

“DGS is honored to have been recognized by RREG for the work that went into constructing the General Assembly Building,” said **Mike Bisogno, Acting Director of DGS**. “We could not have done it without our partners, the project managers who oversaw this project, the Senate of Virginia and Virginia House of Delegates, multiple gubernatorial administrations and all of the architects, engineers, construction workers whose skill and expertise can be seen throughout the building.”

The General Assembly Building sits at the seat of Virginia's government on the north side of Capitol Square, and it has a long history of housing some of the city's and the state's most prominent politicians.

Demolition of the previous General Assembly Building, which was comprised of three separate structures constructed in 1912, 1923 and 1964, began in 2017. Construction on the building began in 2019. The historic 1912 façade of the original Life Insurance Company of Virginia Building was saved and integrated into the new structure. The façade is an example of Beaux-Arts, Neo-Classicism style, with a five-story limestone and granite exterior adorned with stunning three-story Corinthian-style pilasters and capitals adorned with American Eagles, Cherubs and Pegasus sculptures. As the building rose around the façade, crews took great care to marry the old and the new. The result is a beautiful, functional home for the nation's oldest continuously meeting legislative body.

The new General Assembly Building, which opened to the public on Oct. 11, 2023, rises 14 stories above ground, with an additional floor below ground. It boasts a two-story lobby, grand atrium, 11 subcommittee rooms and eight large committee rooms, the most expansive of which holds 392 seats. The building holds a food service café and coffee bar on the first floor, numerous training rooms and offices, and two tunnels — one to the Capitol and the other to the 9th and Broad Street Parking Deck. Large glass windows provide views of the façade, Capitol, Old City Hall and the grounds of Capitol Square.

Gilbane Building Company constructed the building. Robert A.M. Stern Architects, working in consultation with Glave & Holmes Architecture, designed the modern classical style building, incorporating architectural elements inspired by its surroundings and the existing historic integrity of Capitol Square. An integrated team of VHB landscape architects and engineers designed underground utilities, landscapes and hardscapes for the GAB project, including the connectivity through both pedestrian tunnels leading to the building.

About DGS: DGS provides laboratory, procurement, real estate, and engineering and architectural services for state agencies, as well as fleet vehicle management, graphic design, surplus property disposal, and mail services at the seat of government. The agency also manages the facilities and grounds at Capitol Square. For more information, visit dgs.virginia.gov.

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