

New Federal Courthouse in Harrisburg Set to Open to Public Next Week

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Court soon will be in session.

The recently constructed Sylvania H. Rambo U.S. Courthouse in Harrisburg is slated to open to the public on April 17, following decades of planning and years of construction.

The 243,000-square-foot building will serve as the new location of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Inside are eight courtrooms and 11 chambers, and the building will house the Pennsylvania 3rd Circuit Court, U.S. Courts, U.S. Marshal Service, U.S. Attorneys, U.S. Trustees, Homeland Security and Federal Public Defender.

All judges and federal courthouse personnel should be moved into the new building by the end of this week, according to Will Powell, U.S. General Services Administration public affairs officer for the Mid-Atlantic Region. The officials will move from the current federal building in downtown Harrisburg to the new courthouse at N. 6th and Reily streets.

Then, starting next week, the courthouse is set to open to the public.

Federal officials cut the ribbon on the building in December 2022, celebrating the near completion of the \$200 million facility.

As the new facility opens, the downtown federal building will close. Over a year ago, it was purchased by out-of-state developer Global Ocean Investments for \$10 million at auction. However, the company sold the building in February to another out-of-state buyer, 1422 Route 179 Florida Realty LLC. The entity's plan for the building is unclear.

The Federal Station Post Office, currently located in the downtown federal building, is projected to move into Strawberry Square on the 300-block of Market Street this month.