Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Honors
GSA’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Building Rehabilitation in Atlanta

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) today presented its Chairman’s Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation to the General Services Administration (GSA) for restoration, rehabilitation, and reuse of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Building in Atlanta.

“GSA has shown how an iconic structure in a historic urban setting can receive new life and purpose and become a renewed asset to its community,” said Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, ACHP chairman. “Recognizing that it is usually better to upgrade and improve the efficiency of existing structures rather than raze and replace them, this accomplishment by GSA is worthy of widespread emulation.”

Donaldson presented the award to The Honorable Martha A. Johnson, GSA Administrator; Mr. Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service; Mr. Shyam Reddy, Regional Administrator, GSA Southeast Region; and, Ms. Beth L. Savage, Director, GSA Center for Historic Buildings.

“I am honored to accept this award on behalf of GSA and all who worked to restore the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Building. Their work has transformed this building into a welcoming and modern workspace, while paying respect to its rich history and namesake,” Johnson said. “Across the country, GSA’s efforts ensure that the tapestry of our nation’s historic architecture is preserved for today and protected for generations to come.”

The presentation took place at ACHP’s winter business meeting at its Old Post Office Building headquarters. An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the economic, educational, environmental, sustainability and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influences federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties.

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