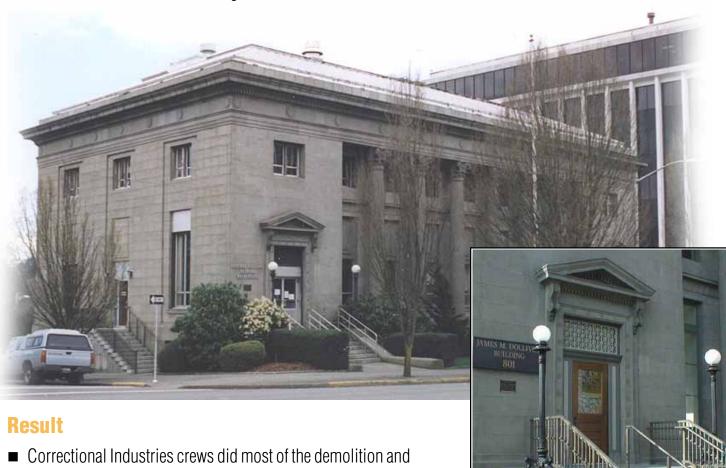
Quality Results

Renovating a Building's Past

ompleted in 1914, Olympia's Federal Building was the city's first dedicated post office and later became headquarters for the Olympic National Forest. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Like a Greek temple with its two-story Corinthian columns, it is one of the last remaining examples of Neo-Classical architecture left in Washington. By 1991, the historic structure sat vacant. Although located between the Capitol Campus and downtown, the federal government no longer had a use for the building and couldn't find tenants or a buyer.

In 1998, the federal government transferred ownership of the building to General Administration (GA) at no cost, with the caveat that all renovation work maintain the historic integrity of the structure. GA remodeled and renovated the building for use by the Office of the Secretary of State. The project team reduced costs by recycling demolition waste and using materials salvaged from other state buildings. For example, carpeting removed from the building was sent to the original manufacturer, who had it recycled into car parts. Marble panels recovered from the North Cascades Gateway Center were cut and used as wainscoting in the restored main lobby. The building was renamed the James M. Dolliver Building, in honor of the former State Supreme Court chief justice. The renovated structure combines the ambiance of its past with the functions of a modern office building.



- Correctional Industries crews did most of the demolition and removal of asbestos, allowing for the redirecting of \$75,000 to other areas of the project.
- Carpeting, ceiling tile, concrete, brick, copper and aluminum were sold to recyclers, generating \$15,000.
- About 66 percent of the demolition material was recycled, saving \$6,400 in landfill costs.
- Re-use of salvaged materials saved about \$33,000.

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