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OGS Opens Newly Renovated Building 5 on Harriman Campus

First significant project completed in Governor Cuomo's Harriman Campus revitalization project

Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn Destito today hosted a ribbon-cutting at the newly renovated Building 5 at the Harriman Campus, the first major piece of Governor Cuomo's revitalization of the Harriman Campus. The building will be the new home of the Business Services Center and house up to 1600 employees. The State Financial System, and E-Licensing operations will also be located there.

"The transformation of this building in just a little over a year is remarkable not only in its scope, but also in its ability to bring all of the Business Services Center team to a single location," Commissioner Destito said. "In addition to creating a center of government efficiency, energy efficiency was also an important part of the project. We are pleased to report that the work was performed in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 88 that mandates a 20 percent improvement in the energy efficiency performance of State government buildings by April 2020."

Energy efficient aspects of the renovation include 822 new double pane insulated windows, three new elevators, programmable lighting and HVAC systems, and daylight harvesting controls that adjust office lighting based on the amount of available natural light. In addition, the HVAC system is tied into the OGS Web Enabled Advanced Metering (WEAM) network that allows OGS to monitor and adjust in real time to ensure energy is being consumed in the most efficient manner.

Work on the 235, 000 square foot building began in March of 2014 with an average of 185 tradespeople working on site each day. Prime contractors on the project were all New York State businesses including two from Schenectady; DiGesare and Schenectady Hardware and Electric as well as Murnane Builders from Utica.

The open concept interior design of the space was created to be both ergonomic and user-friendly including moveable walls in conference rooms, abundant use of glass to maximize natural light, and whiteboard walls in meeting spaces.

This project is one of a number that have been completed or planned on the campus including: demolition of Buildings 1, 1A and 2; conversion of Building 3 to a state-of-the-art daycare center; renovation of Building 4 to create a consolidated headquarters for DOCCS; renovation of Building 7; asbestos abatement and renovation of the fourth floor of Building 9; critical upgrades and repairs to electric, water, steam, sewer and waste systems across the campus. In addition, an RFP for private development of approximately 30 acres on the east side of the Campus will be released in the next few months.

Senator Neil Breslin said, "I am pleased that the Harriman Campus is showing new life and that this building is just one step in many that are reinvigorating this part of Albany."

"Investing in our state office infrastructure to bring both governmental and environmental efficiency is an important step forward for our state, especially here in the 109th Assembly District. I applaud Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Destito for their commitment to revitalize the Harriman Campus and for their dedication to ensuring these building projects are environmentally sustainable," said Assemblymember Patricia A. Fahy.

Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy said, "Congratulations to Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Destito on the continued revitalization of the Harriman Campus and the unveiling of a more energy efficient operation at Building 5. Streamlining government to increase efficiency is necessary but doing this while creating a more energy efficient environment is an even bigger win."

"I applaud Governor Cuomo and the OGS team for making these investments in the Harriman Campus," Mayor Kathy Sheehan said. "I commend our state officials for moving ahead with these improvements."