

REALS Newsletter

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REALS seeks bids for historic Guthrie Building

REALS has solicited Requests for Proposal (RFPs) for purchase or lease and redevelopment of the historic State Capital Publishing Company building in Guthrie, OK. This process was made possible by legislation passed in 2014. The RFP process allows historic covenants to be put in place to protect this amazing building and its history. Constructed in 1902, the building originally housed a printing and newspaper company. The company was organized just before the first Oklahoma Land Run and was one of the largest printing operations in the southwest.



The Oklahoma Historical Society acquired the building in 1975 as a Bicentennial Project for use and preservation as a printing museum. The building, designed by Joseph Foucart, is a Nationally Registered historical site. "The State Capital Publishing Company building is one of Oklahoma's most historic buildings and one of Guthrie's architectural crown jewels," said Melissa Milburn, Director of Real Estate and Leasing Services, Office of Management and Enterprise Services. *Photo courtesy of Sharon Keeney*

Newsletter Spotlight



Joseph Pierre Foucart, sometimes referred to as the "Father of Guthrie's Skyline," was born Nov. 14, 1848, in Arlon, Belgium. He was commissioned for several architectural projects by the King of Belgium, and in 1880 served as chief draftsman for the City Hall building in Paris. Just prior to the Land Run, he immigrated to America and settled in Guthrie. Foucart designed both commercial and residential buildings in Guthrie, with the State Capital Publishing Company building being of his most notable structures. Foucart died in Muskogee, OK on April 11, 1917. *Photo courtesy of Phyllis Mantik deQuevedo and Mantik Studio*

State Comptroller, CAR, OCIA and ABS are Relocating



The Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), Central Accounting and Reporting (CAR) is excited to bring all of their accounting functions together into one space. Lynne Bajema, State Comptroller, directs the daily operations of the

division and is responsible for establishing the policies and procedures for state financial transactions and for executing those transactions in accordance with the various state statutes, federal regulations, and governmental accounting and reporting standards. Agency Business Services (ABS), within CAR, supports the day-to-day financial operations of state agency clients. The Oklahoma Capital Improvement Authority (OCIA) provides bond funding for the construction of office buildings and other infrastructure support for various departments and divisions of the state. CAR will be relocated from various locations to their new offices in the Frates Building located at 5005 N. Lincoln Blvd. The building, soon to be renamed OMES Central Accounting and Reporting, is owned by the Commissioners of the Land Office (CLO), who purchased it as a commercial investment. OMES and CLO worked together on the lease agreement for this mutually beneficial partnership between state agencies.



In 1880, Foucart was appointed chief draftsman for drawing detail and finishing for the new Hotel de Ville, Paris' spectacular City Hall, seen here under moonlight. *Photo courtesy of Benh Lieu Song*

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