

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 5, 2023

Contact:

Jacie Roberts Lallis; (202) 312-1552

jroberts@rrbitc.com

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Marks 25th Anniversary
Landmark Federal Building Celebrates Monumental Milestone

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Today, [Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center](#) (RRB/ITC), the first and only federal building dedicated to public and private use, marks its 25th Anniversary. Owned by U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and exclusively managed by [Trade Center Management Associates \(TCMA, A Drew Company\)](#), the landmark federal building now serves as a hub for government, commerce, culture and community and is designated as the official [World Trade Center Washington, DC](#).

RRB/ITC opened its doors on May 5, 1998 and over the last 25 year has established a reputation as a Washington institution. It's become a showcase for American industries, a mainstay for international trade promotion and a gathering place for global, governmental and private industry leaders to convene high-profile events such as conferences, galas, trade expos, and cultural celebrations. It has also become a popular destination for DC locals and city visitors alike, offering a space to host events, explore art, exhibits and attractions and enjoy community entertainment. As one of DC's most dynamic events venue, RRB/ITC has hosted, approximately 55,000 events since its inception.

To celebrate and illustrate the vibrancy of RRB/ITC, a [digital hub](#) featuring a [25-year timeline](#) has been created to highlight the monumental moments and milestones that have transformed the federal building into a landmark destination in Washington, DC. RRB/ITC is encouraging its stakeholders to join in the celebration by posting messages to its [celebration board](#).

"This public building is one of the largest in GSA's inventory and a unique example of a facility where both federal and commercial entities conduct business to meet their missions, responsibilities, and objectives. We are especially proud and pleased to celebrate this milestone in the history of this treasured facility," said **Nina Albert, the Commissioner for the Public Buildings Service at the General Services Administration**.

Operating as a unique public-private partnership, the 3.1 million square foot RRB/ITC is the nation's second largest federal building, next to the Pentagon. Of the 1.9 million functional square feet, 1.4 million provides workspace for Federal employees, including offices for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP),

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The remaining half million square feet of RRB/ITC was created for private enterprise, the key differentiator in comparison to other federal buildings. The International Trade Center (ITC), the private portion managed by [TCMA \(A Drew Company\)](#), includes commercial offices, 65,000 square feet of event and conference center space, a food court, retail locations, and a 2,000 space parking garage.

“As we look back over the last 25 years, we’re proud of our unprecedented, public-private partnership with GSA and the milestones we’ve achieved,” said **John P. Drew, President and CEO of TCMA**. “We have thrived together to fulfill the vision for RRB/ITC, creating a mainstay for international activity, a showcase for American enterprise and a gathering place for the local community in Washington, DC.”

Construction of RRB/ITC was authorized by the Federal Triangle Development Act of 1987. Congress passed the Act, mandating the development of a “federal building complex and international cultural and trade center to complete the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue,” a building that would bring together public and private resources for the advancement of international trade and globalization under one roof. Additionally, the Act enabled the construction and ongoing maintenance of the ITC, provided legislative goals, and required that it operate in a financially, self-sustaining way.

In 1990, construction began under the direction of GSA, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, and Ellerbe Beckett Architects and Engineers of Washington, DC. In 1995, Congress voted unanimously to name the building after President Ronald Reagan, who had signed the legislation authorizing its construction. Three years later, the building was officially dedicated during a ceremony led by President Clinton, former First Lady Nancy Reagan and Commerce Secretary William Daley in the Atrium of the RRB/ITC.

###

About Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (RRB/ITC)

RRB/ITC is a dynamic hub for government, business, culture, and community, in the heart of the nation’s capital. As the first and only federal building dedicated to both public and private use, the RRB/ITC is the official World Trade Center Washington, DC (WTCDC), and a premier conference and event venue with executive office space, attractions, dining, retail, parking, and community activities. Visit rbitc.com or follow at [@ReaganITCDC](#). RRB/ITC is owned by [U.S. General Services Administration](#) and exclusively managed by [TCMA \(A Drew Company\)](#).