

**DESIGN UNVEILED FOR NEW CHARLOTTETOWN
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA BUILDING**

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., June 23, 2003 – Wayne Easter, Solicitor General of Canada, and Shawn Murphy, MP for Hillsborough, today unveiled the design for the new Government of Canada Building, on behalf of Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Works and Government Services. The new building will be a single point of access to a variety of government services in downtown Charlottetown.

"I am very pleased to unveil the design for our new Government of Canada Building," said Minister Easter. "It is an important symbol of the Government of Canada's commitment to the people of Charlottetown."

The new Government of Canada Building was designed by Bergmark, Guimond, Hammerlund, Jones Architects of Charlottetown, in collaboration with Urbana Architects of Toronto.

The building will be one of the most environmentally advanced that the Government of Canada has ever built. This is important because the government is committed to incorporating the most up-to-date sustainable development practices when putting up buildings. For example, the building's unique design features include an abundant use of natural lighting to illuminate and heat common areas.

"This state-of-the-art facility will keep over 400 federal employees in the heart of Charlottetown," said Mr. Murphy. "This is a great day for all residents in Charlottetown and I look forward to seeing the finished building in 2005."

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2004 and the official opening will take place in winter of the following year.

Funding for this contract was provided for in the February 2003 Federal Budget.

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