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**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BUILDING IN
CHARLOTTETOWN**

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., December 22, 2000 -The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Solicitor General of Canada, and Shawn Murphy, MP for Hillsborough, on behalf of the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada, today announced plans to construct a multi-tenant Government of Canada building in downtown Charlottetown to replace the ageing 45-year-old Dominion Building. The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy by fall 2005.

"The construction of this state-of-the-art facility will keep 400 federal employees in the heart of Charlottetown," said Minister MacAulay. "The decision to build in the city's centre will not only have many economic benefits, but it is also in keeping with the Government of Canada's desire to support Charlottetown's historic role as the birthplace of Confederation here on Prince Edward Island."

"Today's announcement marks a significant tri-level government partnership for the sharing of facilities, knowledge management and access for citizens," said Mr. Murphy. "The building will embrace the latest technology and leading edge sustainable development initiatives."

The proposed location for the world-class smart building is on the west site of University Ave., between Euston and Fitzroy Streets. Public Works and Government Services Canada will manage all phases of the competitive bidding process to construct the new building. The tender to design the building is expected to be issued in January 2001, and the design completed by January 2002. Tenders for construction are expected to be issued in the summer of 2002.

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