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JIM THORPE OFFICE BUILDING

The Jim Thorpe Office Building, originally constructed in 1938, is an eight-story structure housing several Oklahoma state agencies. In 1937, the Public Works Administration authorized \$19.1 million in grants and loans to fund state government buildings, including the Jim Thorpe Building. It is located at 2101 N. Lincoln Blvd., and is currently occupied by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Oklahoma Arts Council and OMES. The Jim Thorpe tenants have made it one of the more publically visited destinations in the State Capitol Complex. Originally the Capitol Office Building, it was renamed by statute to be the Jim Thorpe Office Building in 1961. This name change was to honor native Oklahoman Jim Thorpe, described by many as the 20th century's greatest allaround athlete.

Jim Thorpe was born near Prague in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, in 1888. When Thorpe was 16, he began attending the Carlisle Industrial Indian School in Pennsylvania, where he began his sporting career. Thorpe excelled in many sports, including track, baseball and football, and was named America's Athlete of the Century. Thorpe represented the United States in the Stockholm Olympics in 1912, where he set records that stood for two decades. It is recounted that, when awarding Thorpe his Olympic medals, King Gustav V of Sweden was quoted as saying, "You, sir, are the greatest athlete in the world."

JIM THORPE BUILDING SNACK BAR CONCESSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



OMES is accepting proposals for a snack bar concession operator in the historic Jim Thorpe Office Building. The solicitation was issued on March 11, 2016, and proposals are due by close of business on April 11, 2016.

Snack bars in state-owned buildings are usually operated by blind vendors under a statutorily created program administered by the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS). However, DRS determined that no program vendor is available to operate the Jim Thorpe Building Snack Bar so the opportunity is now open to all vendors.

The renovated snack bar was designed to match the theme and architecture of the historic building. OMES welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the private sector to provide food service to employees and visitors of the Oklahoma State Capitol Complex.



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