

# Real Estate and Leasing Services Newsletter

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## New Medical Examiner's Building on Schedule and on Budget

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is looking forward to moving into the new state-of-the-art class A lab set to open this year. The new lab, located at 921 N.E. 23rd St., Oklahoma City, OK, replaces the current lab that fails to meet the minimum criteria for accreditation and impairs the ability of the ME's office to perform its basic functions. The building housing the new lab was formerly owned by the Oklahoma City-County Health Department, and it was purchased by the Commissioners of the Land Office in 2015. The Commissioners of the Land Office requested proposals for renovation to create the new lab and provide ongoing management of the building, and the team of Wiggin Properties and Ross Group was selected as the private partner in the project. The building was gutted, and renovations include all new HVAC, plumbing, lighting, ceiling and lab systems, and coolers, as well as state-of-the-art toxicology, radiology, autopsy and decomposition autopsy labs.



Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Oklahoma Dr. Eric Pfiefer said, "The new facility for the central operations of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is the result of a groundbreaking, private-public partnership to remodel a very suitable existing building, thereby saving the state tens of millions of dollars. Its design is the result of expert architectural and engineering planning that considered the many years of our own practical knowledge of how to run an ME office efficiently and with dignity. It features state-of-the-art equipment for diagnosis, employee safety, and the dignified treatment of human remains. Oklahoma can be very proud to have such a world-class facility, and it will serve the central and western portions of Oklahoma well for decades to come."



Approximately 20,000 square feet of space will be available on the third floor of the building. The ME's office, OMES, the Commissioners of the Land Office and the Governor's Office successfully worked together to make this on-time and on-budget project a reality and bring improved services to the citizens of Oklahoma.

## Career Tech Building Goes to Auction

The Real Estate and Leasing Services office held a sealed bid auction for a building owned by CareerTech located at 201 N.E. 48th St. in Oklahoma City. The minimum bid for the auction was \$855,000, and the winning bid was accepted at \$1,000,718. As per HB3050, sale proceeds will go into the Maintenance of State Buildings Revolving Fund.



## REALS Employee Highlight



REALS is happy to have Eva Thurman on our staff. Eva joined REALS in September of 2016. The majority of her career has been spent in the real estate arena, with over 30 years of experience in the art of land titles. Previously, Eva worked at a global real estate insurance and closing company as an EVP and operations manager. As a REALS employee, Eva is responsible for easements, assists with building sales, mapping, research and lease contracts. Thanks for being part of the team, Eva!

REALS is dedicated to assisting state agencies, boards and commissions with their leasing needs. Please contact us if you have any questions or need assistance with your leased space at:

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