

# Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Breaks Ground on the U.S. Chancery Major Rehabilitation in Athens, Greece

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In a demonstration of enduring friendship and the important bilateral partnership, U.S. Ambassador Geoffrey R. Pyatt broke ground today on the U.S. Chancery Major Rehabilitation in Athens, Greece.

The major rehabilitation will provide a secure, modern, and sustainable platform for diplomacy. The project is expected to be completed in 2022.

Ann Beha Architects of Boston, Massachusetts is the design architect for the project and Caddell Construction Co. of Montgomery, Alabama is the construction contractor.

Since 1999, as part of the Department's Capital Security Construction Program, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) has completed 148 new diplomatic facilities and has an additional 54 projects in design or under construction.

OBO's mission is to provide safe, secure, and functional facilities that represent the U.S. government to host nations and support staff in achieving U.S. foreign policy objectives. These facilities represent U.S. values and the best in U.S. architecture, engineering, technology, sustainability, art, culture, and construction execution.

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