



GSA Greater Southwest Region

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the General Services Administration (GSA) has determined that the leasing of space by the U.S. Attorney in a new building to be built by a private developer will have an effect on the former Wortz Biscuit Company Factory which is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and has consulted with the Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office, pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, GSA, and the Arkansas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the proposed undertaking on historic properties:

Stipulations

GSA will insure the following measures are carried out:

1. Documentation of the Wortz Biscuit Factory Buildings as requested by the SHPO. The documentation has been sent to the SHPO as requested with the completion of the Arkansas Architectural Resources form, Historic Context and National Register Eligibility Assessment of the Wortz Biscuit Company, and Cultural Resources Assessment of Two City Blocks in Downtown Fort Smith.
2. The original most historic part of the Wortz Biscuit Factory(1907) is located on the East Block and is to be demolished by the city/state to straighten out a dangerous curve in the road. No federal funds are involved in this part of the project. On the West Block are 1950's and non-historic additions which are to be demolished so that a private developer can build a new building that will be leased by U.S. Attorney. On this site a historical marker will be installed in front of the building in an outside area adjacent to the flagpole for the Wortz Biscuit Factory. The marker design and description will be reviewed by the SHPO for their comments prior to installation.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement and implementation of its terms evidence that GSA and SHPO have consulted on the U.S. Attorney's proposal to lease space in a building to be built by a private developer, and its effects on this historic property, and that GSA has taken into account such effects on the historic property.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Date: 4/29/03

ARKANSAS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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