



News from the Shelby County Mayor's Office

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Renovations to Shelby County Government Administration Building Lead to Awards

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. will recognize this Monday the two architectural firms responsible for the recent renovation of the Vasco A. Smith, Jr. Administration Building in downtown Memphis. Their project design has saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in utility costs since its completion.

Representatives from *archimania with Self-Tucker Architects* will join Mayor Luttrell at his office on Monday, August 29th, on the 11th floor of the Vasco A. Smith, Jr. Administration Building, 160 North Main, at 11:30 a.m.

“These two Shelby County area locally-owned small businesses have been recognized by the Memphis and Tennessee Chapters of the American Institute of Architects. Not only did the firms create a more pleasant workplace for Shelby County Government employees and visitors, but their efforts have significantly reduced operational costs by almost 40%,” said Mayor Luttrell.

Before renovation in August of 2012, the annual electric bill for the administration building, built in 1968, was \$606,000. After work was completed in January of 2015, the annual utility bill was reduced to \$366,000. The building redesign also freed up space on three floors for other County offices.

The renovation cost \$19,786,000 to upgrade the 12-story building that houses the mayor's office, Shelby County Commission Chambers and other County departments.

The joint-venture of the two architectural firms brought the building into ADA compliance, improved the heat, air conditioning, lighting and water systems and led to the installation of 1,240 energy-efficient windows.

“Shelby County Public Works Director Tom Needham and his team are to be commended for working alongside of these local architectural firms. Their exemplary work has brought deserved recognition to Shelby County Government,” added Mayor Luttrell.

The project overview of the Vasco A. Smith, Jr. Administration Building is included with this news release in a separate document.

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