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**United States Marshals Museum Announces Start of Construction**  
*Crews Begin Work on \$50 Million Facility Along the Arkansas River*

FORT SMITH, Ark. (July 26, 2018) – The United States Marshals Museum (USMM) today announced construction has begun on the \$50 million project on the banks of the Arkansas River near downtown Fort Smith.

Media is invited to the site today, July 26 at 1:30 p.m. for photo and video opportunities, as well as interviews with USMM President & CEO Patrick Weeks, USMM Foundation President Jim Dunn, USMM Foundation Vice President of Development Alice Alt as well as USMM Board Chairman Doug Babb and USMM Foundation Chairman Robert A. Young III. Those attending are required to wear closed-toe shoes. A safety vest and hard hat will be provided.

Once complete, the 53,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Mary Carleton and Robert A. Young III Building will pay homage to the nation’s oldest federal law enforcement agency. The Museum will feature five immersive galleries: Defining Marshals; The Campfire: Stories Under the Stars; Frontier Marshals; A Changing Nation; and Modern Marshals. It will also include a National Learning Center, Hall of Honor, conference rooms, general office space, retail space and large lobby for community partnerships. In addition, it will feature an exterior dining area, greenspace, full-service restaurant and monument donated by the Five Tribes.

“It’s time to watch the United States Marshals Museum project become a reality,” said Babb. “Both our region and the U.S Marshals Service are excited that we have begun construction of the Museum. We all look forward to Museum opening in the fall of 2019 and what it will mean for tourism and economic impact for the city of Fort Smith.”

Fundraising for the USMM project remains a top priority, with \$17.8 million remaining to fully fund the project. CDI Contractors completed preliminary site work on the building pad in fall 2017 with a completion date set for fall 2019.

“We see the future of the United States Marshals Museum project within reach and express our deep gratitude to the many individuals who have helped us get to this point,” said Young. “We are making great strides, and are energized to build this iconic Museum of which all Americans can be proud.”

**About the United States Marshals Museum**

The future United States Marshals Museum will be a national Museum located on the riverfront in Fort Smith, Ark. Opening in the fall of 2019, the United States Marshals Museum will tell the story of our nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency from its establishment by President George Washington through current day. The Museum will honor the sacrifice of Marshals killed in the line of duty, as well as those who continue to place their lives in harm's way, as they enforce the Constitution. For more information, visit [usmmuseum.org](http://usmmuseum.org).

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