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## **Salt Lake County To Build New Offices For District Attorney Staff**

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**Salt Lake County, UT**— Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams says he's successfully negotiated a deal to purchase land on the block behind the Matheson Courthouse (on 500 South and Main Street) for a proposed office building to house the Salt Lake County District Attorney's staff. McAdams says the agreement allows the county to move ahead on the stalled project, which was brought forward in 2009.

"We know that owning the building is more cost-effective for county taxpayers than leasing office space. We project we'll save at least \$13 million over 30 years. Once they've moved in, our dedicated team of prosecutors will be steps away from where they do most of their work—the courthouse," said McAdams.

McAdams said the new site, along with its proximity, solves an issue posed by the County's earlier land purchase of not having enough room for parking. McAdams said that land will be sold—most likely at a profit-- and the money will be applied to new construction costs.

Because it is such a prime location near state and federal courthouses, McAdams said he would be interested in teaming up with the State of Utah for a joint use development of the site involving state agencies, including the Attorney General's office. Shared use of common area facilities such as a cafeteria and conference rooms could result in significant additional cost-efficiencies.

McAdams said Salt Lake County will design and build an energy-efficient structure, which will also result in savings on utilities over the life of the building. The site is adjacent to the Courthouse TRAX stop, offering more

transportation choices to building tenants, law enforcement officials, and constituents who have business meetings with the DA's staff.

"Prosecuting crime and handling the county's civil cases will always be the District Attorney's job, so we'll always need work space for them. I'm very pleased that this solution meets that need in a fiscally responsible way," said McAdams.

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