



## IDA Opens Potomac Yard Building

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (January 2022)** – It's official. Today's ribbon cutting ceremony formally marked the start of a new era at our Potomac Yard facility.

Held in the main lobby of the new building, the event included remarks from IDA President Norty Schwartz and City of Alexandria Mayor, Justin Wilson.

"Today, we celebrate a physical tool with which we will elevate the contribution, in so many ways, to our nation's security," said Schwartz. "The new facility will place us in a thriving Northern Virginia community of innovators for many years to come."

A number of milestones over the course of several decades have finally culminated in this morning's inauguration event. After years of planning and construction, IDA's headquarters and Systems and Analyses Center are now fully operational at the new state-of-the-art facility.

IDA Board of Trustees Chair Pete Geren emphasized IDA's mission and responsibility to its sponsors, remarking, "On behalf of the IDA family, our staff, our trustees and those who have served in the IDA mission over the last several decades, I want you to know how excited we are to be here to launch this new chapter in IDA's history. And thanks to all those who made this day possible."

Construction on the 370,000-square-foot facility began in August of 2019 and was completed within three years of breaking ground. IDA is thrilled to now be operating its headquarters within a vibrant community and aspiring innovation ecosystem.

Mayor Wilson congratulated IDA for its accomplishment, stating, "You are in the ground floor of one of the most strategic places in our city and for the future of our city," adding, "We are very excited to be the home of IDA, and we are so proud to have hosted you for 40 years."

Among the building's numerous advantages are its proximity to the Pentagon and the future Metro station as well as its ample classified work and meeting space. The facility is equipped with new amenities and technology in its offices, project rooms, labs and conference space, including an auditorium that is specially designed to hold large meetings with sponsors and industry. The building was also constructed to meet WELL Building standards of health and wellness for occupants and is LEED certified, a globally recognized symbol of sustainability.

For more background, including a timeline of building construction, building amenities, information on certifications and photographs, see [ida.org's Potomac Yard page](https://ida.org/potomac-yard).

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