



## U.S. Embassy Skopje, Macedonia

### FACT SHEET



Ambassador Reeker and Embassy personnel watched the Marines raise the flag on the first official day of operations.

“The new American Embassy is a symbol of our friendship, our partnership, and the democratic values that we share. It serves as proof of our commitment to this country and an expression of confidence in the future of the Republic of Macedonia as a stable, multi ethnic member of the Euro-Atlantic community.” -- Ambassador Philip T. Reeker.

On March 22, 2006, the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Overseas Building Operations broke ground and began construction of a new embassy to house the U.S. Mission to Macedonia. On April 27, 2009, the embassy officially moved from its location on Ilindenska Boulevard to the “Gradiste” site. This move consolidated offices and facilities that existed throughout Skopje into one central location.

The overall construction cost of this facility was approximately \$60 million, and we estimate it generated over \$40 million in revenue for the Skopje and Macedonian economies. Its completion provides the United States with a state-of-the-art facility for further strengthening bilateral relations with Macedonia. It will also provide us a new home for our assistance programs that have invested close to a billion dollars in civil society, good governance, education and military modernization in Macedonia.





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Artwork from Macedonian and US artists is on display throughout the Embassy.

### Facts:

- The site, in Skopje’s “Gradiste,” is 11 hectares.
- Approximately 300 employees work at the new embassy, which represents a slight increase in our staffing due to the addition of local personnel for technical support and security guard positions.
- U.S. Embassy offices that were located at the Chancery on Ilindenska Boulevard and at several other locations in Skopje are now consolidated in the new embassy.
- The new embassy includes an open atrium which displays American and Macedonian works of art and

which will be used to host gatherings.

- The embassy is medium sized by State Department standards and is smaller than most of our existing or planned missions elsewhere in Southeast Europe.

- This embassy meets all of the security standards mandated by the United States Congress after the attacks on our diplomatic missions in the late 90s and was also built in an environmentally conscientious manner to reduce the consumption of resources.

- The American Company Kellogg, Brown and Root carried out the project, in conjunction with various Macedonian subcontractors to assist with the construction.



Ambassador Reeker greets visa applicants at the main entrance on the first day of Consular services.





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Former Ambassador Lawrence Butler recently visited Macedonia and joined Ambassador Reeker for a walk through the NEC.



Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski recently received a personal tour from Ambassador Reeker.





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The new consular section will assist US citizens and issue visas for travel to the United States.



The multipurpose room will provide an excellent setting for public meetings and workshops.

