

# U.S. Post Office and Customshouse (Everett, Washington)

The **U.S. Post Office and Customshouse** in Everett, Washington served as the city's main post office from 1917 to 1964. It has also been known as **Federal Building**. The building, designed in the Neoclassical form by Oscar Wenderoth, now houses the offices of the Chicago Title Company.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

The two-story building's front facade features eight Greek Ionic columns. The reinforced concrete structure is finished with Wilkinson sandstone and granite quarried in Index.<sup>[2]</sup>

On August 6, 1975, the building, then home to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was bombed by an unknown assailant at the same time as a federal building in Tacoma.<sup>[4]</sup>

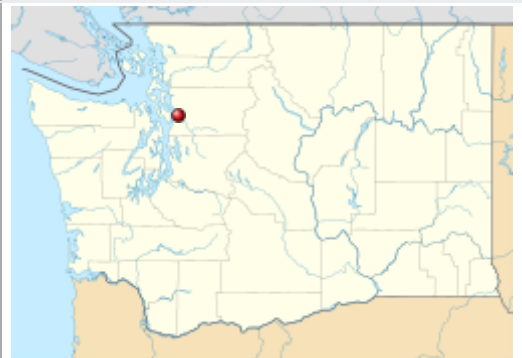
The bureau turned the building over to the General Services Administration in the late 1990s, who prepared it for a possible sale. The city of Everett sought to acquire the building as the home to a museum, but faced competition from the Tulalip Tribes, who planned to house a post office in the building.<sup>[5]</sup> Ultimately, the building was acquired in 2000 by the Henry Cogswell College for use as its main campus and renovated at a cost of \$2 million.<sup>[6]</sup> The college closed in 2006, selling the building to private developers in 2008 for \$2.4 million.<sup>[7]</sup> The Chicago Title Company moved into the building in 2009.<sup>[8]</sup>

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### U.S. Post Office and Customshouse

#### U.S. National Register of Historic Places



<b>Location</b>	3006 Colby Avenue, <u>Everett, Washington</u>
<b>Coordinates</b>	<span><span><span><span><span>47°58′40″N</span> <span>122°12′27″W</span></span></span><span><span>﻿</span> / <span>﻿</span></span><span><span>47.977777777778°N 122.2075°W</span><span><span>﻿</span> / <span>47.977777777778; -122.2075</span></span></span></span></span>
<b>Area</b>	less than one acre
<b>Built</b>	1917
<b>Architect</b>	<u>Oscar Wenderoth</u>
<b>Architectural style</b>	<u>Neoclassical</u>
<b>NRHP reference No.</b>	76001909 ( <a href="http://npgallery.nps.gov/AssetDetail/NRIS/76001909">http://npgallery.nps.gov/AssetDetail/NRIS/76001909</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>

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