

Freedom's New Mailing Facility

Sustainable Features



Freedom's new 87,000-square-foot mailing center in Aurora, IL, which will open in Q4 2026, is designed to seamlessly align operations with the USPS's new high-efficiency "Mega" facilities (also known as Regional Processing and Distribution Centers or RPDC). Expanding Freedom's Aurora campus from 226,222 to 313,222 square feet, it will be one of the largest direct mail facilities in the United States.

Notably, the new facility will have numerous sustainable features that conform with Freedom's environmental stewardship-centered culture.



Energy Envelope

The new facility is designed with infrastructure and envelope materials that lengthen its life and reduce regular maintenance. Also, the facility exceeds state-mandated minimum insulation requirements.



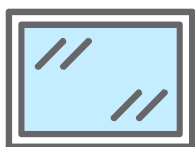
HVAC System

Automated controls enable climate fine-tuning and decrease energy consumption. Economizers pull in cool outside air when conditions are optimal, reducing energy demand.



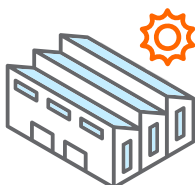
Synthetic Lighting

The facility features LED lighting, the energy-efficiency standard. Exterior downlights reduce glare and light pollution. Motion sensor controls inside the facility automatically turn off lights in unoccupied spaces, conserving electricity.



Daylighting

Clerestory windows let natural light into the building, reducing electricity demand and enhancing employee wellness.



Cool Roof

The roof has a white TPO roof membrane that reflects rather than absorbs sunlight, reducing the “heat island effect.”



Air Quality

Low-VOC (volatile organic compound) products were used throughout construction for improved indoor air quality.



Stormwater Management

An onsite stormwater detention device includes a sedimentation system that reduces debris, soil, and water runoff to streams, rivers, and lakes.



Recycled and Recyclable Building Materials

The existing onsite asphalt was recycled and used in the new construction. The structural building design favors bolted steel connections, which will enable safer disassembly and easier recycling at the end of the facility’s lifecycle.



Construction Power Source

During construction, the facility used temporary and reusable power distribution from the existing facilities instead of gas-powered generators.



Facility Location

The Aurora campus is located near rail spurs for efficient freight transportation and along public transportation routes to promote the use of public transportation.