

UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY CENTER



The United States Diplomacy Center is dedicated to telling the story of American diplomacy through interactive exhibits and thought-provoking education programs.

The Vision: Why a U.S. Diplomacy Center?

Today, as throughout our history, diplomacy plays a critical role in securing the peace, security, and prosperity that American citizens enjoy. Through vivid multi-media exhibits, hands-on activities, unique artifacts, and thought-provoking educational programs, the Center will engage visitors through stories of American diplomacy and explain why diplomacy matters. It will shed light on the U.S. Foreign Service and demonstrate our nation's role in the world.

The Goals:

- Promote a better understanding of American diplomacy's challenges and achievements;
- Recognize the contributions of American diplomats;
- Stimulate interest in our country's foreign relations; and
- Inspire the next generation to pursue diplomacy-related careers.

The Audience:

- U.S. and international visitors to Washington, D.C.;
- Students in schools, colleges and universities who will access the Center's education programs and "diplomacy in the classroom" curricula, and
- Visitors to the Center's online presence, including the Discover Diplomacy educational website (diplomacy.state.gov/discoverdiplomacy).

The Pavilion (currently under construction)

Visitors to the U.S. Diplomacy Center will begin their journey inside a two-level glass pavilion designed by the architectural firm Beyer Blinder Belle to complement the original 1939 wing of the Harry S Truman Building, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of State. The transparent glass design will allow visitors to see the original facade. Its glass walls, glass roof and metal super structure will set the Pavilion apart from its historic limestone parent building.

The Exhibits

Hall I: *Discover Diplomacy* will engage visitors in exploring U.S. relationships with nations around the world. Interactive maps and displays will illustrate how an embassy functions and provide real examples of how diplomatic activities advance U.S. foreign policy objectives.

Hall II: *Diplomacy in Action* Diplomacy in Action will guide visitors through our nation's diplomatic history, illustrating how it has shaped our lives today. From our first treaty on friendship and commerce in the 18th century to 21st century multi-lateral diplomatic negotiations, visitors will understand how our international relationships support U.S. interests worldwide. A rotating exhibit gallery will host temporary displays.

Hall III: *Advancing Diplomacy* will draw visitors into educational activities in The Power of Peace theater, a glass-walled classroom for diplomatic simulations, and study spaces for in-depth exploration of current global issues. A gift vault will show the special role of diplomatic gifts between nations.

Hall IV: *Foundations of Diplomacy* is located on the lower level of the Pavilion. As visitors descend into Hall IV, they will experience the Signature Segment of the Berlin Wall and enter the Founding Ambassadors' Concourse, an open and acoustic space flexibly equipped for briefings, lectures and cultural programs as well as for receptions and other special events.

The U.S. Diplomacy Center is funded through a public-private partnership. The Diplomacy Center Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, works with the U.S. Department of State to support the creation of the museum and education center.

Anticipated opening date in 2018 – Follow our progress on our construction webcam: <http://go.usa.gov/3ukpW>



diplomacy.state.gov



usdc@state.gov



[@DiplomacyCenter](https://twitter.com/DiplomacyCenter)



[/USDiplomacyCenter](https://www.facebook.com/USDiplomacyCenter)