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Kent County Puts 82 Ionia NW on the Market

Kent County is now accepting bids via Requests for Proposals (RFP) for its building at 82 Ionia NW. The site is located in a desirable downtown Grand Rapids location, at the corner of Ionia and Fountain NW. Friend of the Court, Circuit Court Probation, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Community Housing and Development are currently housed in the building. (Earlier this year, Veterans Services moved from the site to a location at 836 Fuller Ave. NE, near I-196.)

The County and Progressive A&E recently completed a 2015 Space Needs Study, the first done in more than a decade. The study looked at all of County-owned or leased property. Several buildings were not being used to their fullest potential, according to the research. Currently, just over half the space in 82 Ionia is occupied. "The study identified several buildings where the remaining departments can be housed, either on a permanent or temporary basis," said Daryl Delabbio, County Administrator/Controller. "82 Ionia is in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids. We are that certain redevelopment of the building would contribute to the revitalization that's been happening downtown."

The County initially leased the building beginning in 1998, and purchased it in 2005. Since that time the building has undergone several upgrades to its heating and cooling, fire monitoring, security and lighting systems, as well as skylight replacement. A few details about the property:

- Year of Original Construction: 1932
- Site Acreage: 1.34
- Building Square Feet: 108,000
- Frontage on Fountain Street, Ionia Street and Division Avenue

Proposals will be accepted until August 28, 2015. For more information on the RFP, go to www.accesskent.com/RFPublishing/Request.jsp.

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