

The William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building is located in the Federal Triangle in Washington, D.C., across 12th Street from the Old Post Office. The New Post Office, as the Clinton Building was originally known, housed the headquarters of the Post Office Department until that department was replaced by the United States Postal Service in 1971. The building, which now houses the headquarters of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was first renamed the Ariel Rios Federal Building on February 5, 1985, in honor of Ariel Rios, an undercover special agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives who was killed in the line of duty on December 2, 1982. After the federal government announced that it would be renaming the building again in honor of former President Bill Clinton on May 13, 2013, the building was officially renamed to its current title, the William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building, at a ceremony that took place July 17, 2013.

The Clinton Building was a central feature of the redevelopment. The neoclassical building was designed by architects William Adams Delano and Chester Holmes Aldrich, who took as their inspiration the Place Vendôme in Paris. The Clinton Building was constructed in the early 1930s as part of the redevelopment of the Federal Triangle area. At that time one of the city's most blighted neighborhoods, this area was known as Murder Bay and was a center of crime and prostitution.