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St. Louis County Auditor Service Center hosts open house at new location

In less than six months, the St. Louis County Auditor Service Center has moved from the Miller Hill Mall to the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth and back to the mall. Now, to celebrate their new location, which is on the back side of the mall next to JCPenney, the Service Center is hosting an open house on Thursday, May 23. The event will include a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., plus coffee and cookies all day.

The Service Center handles approximately 92,000 transactions each year ranging from updating driver's licenses and passports, to purchasing license tabs and paying property taxes. It has a staff of 13.

The Service Center has been at the mall since 2004. Last summer, the mall notified the County that the Service Center would have to move to make room for the arrival of Dick's Sporting Goods. From January through March, the Service Center operated out of the Duluth Courthouse before re-opening at the new location on March 25.

"Our customers are telling us they're happy we're back at the mall, because of the convenient location," said Donald Dicklich, St. Louis County Auditor. "We're also hearing positive feedback about the faster Internet connection that's now speeding up transactions for us and all the mall tenants."

Included in the construction of the new space is a connection to high-speed Internet. St. Louis County, through federal funding from the Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC), was slated to receive high-speed fiber optic cabling at the Service Center. NESC, in collaboration

with Century Link, was able to bring high-speed broadband to all Mall tenants at the same time. This gives mall retailers the ability to speed up credit card transactions and any other services involving the Internet.

For more information about the Service Center, call (218) 279-2520 or visit stlouiscountymn.gov

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