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Ground-breaking Construction begins for new Fort Belvoir Hospital

NORFOLK, VA – With dirt flying, a host of Congressional, military and construction officials formally broke ground on Fort Belvoir's new community hospital, as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program. Today's formal ceremony marks the beginning phase of a new era in military health care in the National Capital area and the start of on-ground work on a new \$747 million, state-of-the-art medical treatment facility.

The hospital's construction phase, managed by the Norfolk (Va.) District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is expected to be completed in late summer 2010. The facility will then be turned over to the U.S Army Medical Command to staff and equip for subsequent operation.

Once opened, the hospital will be part of an integrated health care network providing world-class medical services to the nation's wounded soldiers and families. The hospital is one piece of a realignment designed to increase hospital and outpatient care to all service members and veterans under BRAC 2005. Other elements of the health care network include the realignment of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Naval National Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

The hospital's conceptual design calls for a 1.2 million square foot, six-level community hospital, including medical administration areas. The design includes 120 in-patient beds, a 10-bed intensive care unit, a 10-bed behavioral health inpatient unit, a cancer center, an emergency department, a pharmacy, an operative services center with 10 operating rooms, diagnostic centers such as pathology and radiology, and modular clinic space dedicated to outpatient services. Additional space is planned for future outpatient expansion. In addition to the square footage of the facility itself, the project includes two parking garages and surface parking for 2,600 parking spaces, a helipad, ambulance shelter and dedicated central energy plant.

Designs also include logistics and administrative services, food services, a chapel and other amenities. Supporting facilities include utilities (water, sewer, gas, HVAC, steam and electric services), paving, walks, fencing, storm drainage, site improvements, communication and information systems, fire protection and alarm systems, site improvements that include parking spaces, landscaping buffers and additional site amenities and public access space.

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New Fort Belvoir hospital breaks ground

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An innovative design & construction project

The hospital is being built by Turner-Gilbane, a joint venture comprised of Turner Construction and Gilbane Building Company. Turner, based in Arlington, Va., is engaged in many types of construction projects, including office buildings, high-tech facilities, hospitals and healthcare facilities, hotels, retail, educational and cultural buildings.

The Gilbane Building Company's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, based in Laurel, Md., has participated in several notable construction projects in the Washington, D.C. area such as the National World War II Memorial, the Baltimore Convention Center, the Center for Innovative Technology, Union Station and The National Air and Space Museum.

The new community hospital was designed for the Corps of Engineers by a joint venture team of HDR Architecture, Inc. of Alexandria, VA, and Dewberry of Fairfax, Va. It is being constructed through an Integrated/Design/Bid/Build (IDBB) procurement. This is an innovative process that uses coordination with a construction contractor to increase constructability, and provide accurate cost/schedule impacts of design decisions and resulting in fewer design omissions and errors. The process enabled the Corps of Engineers to establish a construction contract long before traditional processes would have allowed, meeting the accelerated construction timelines dictated by BRAC.

For more information:

Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers website at www.armyengineersnorfolk.com/belvoirhospital