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Corps awards \$649 million dollar contract for the New Fort Belvoir Community Hospital

NORFOLK, VA – Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$649 million contract September 28 to Turner-Gilbane of Arlington, Va., to build the new Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. The construction project, initiated as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program, is expected to begin over the next several weeks, with completion of the construction phase of the hospital expected in late summer of 2010. At that point, the hospital will be turned over to the U.S. Army Medical Command to staff and equip for subsequent operation.

Preliminary design concepts of the new facility call for a facility encompassing more than 1.1 million square feet including medical administration areas. In addition to the square footage of the facility itself, the preliminary design calls for two parking garages with a total of 2,600 parking spaces, as well as a helipad, ambulance shelter, and dedicated central energy plant. Under the conceptual design, the six-level community hospital would include 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 with additional space planned for future outpatient expansion. Designs also provide for logistics and administrative services, food services, a chapel and other amenities.

Innovative IDBB design & construction process

The Fort Belvoir Community Hospital project is being constructed through an Integrated/Design/Bid/Build (IDBB) procurement and is being designed by a joint venture team of HDR of Alexandria, Va., and Dewberry of Fairfax, Va., (both Architecture Engineering design firms). This innovative process uses a construction contractor to increase constructability, provide accurate cost/schedule impacts of design decisions and help improve design coordination. This process results in fewer design omissions and errors. Utilizing IDBB allowed the Corps to establish a construction contract long before traditional processes would have allowed. This was critical to this project to enable it to meet the accelerated construction timelines dictated by BRAC.

Turner-Gilbane is a joint venture comprised of Turner Construction and Gilbane Building Company. The Arlington, Va., office of Turner Construction Company has construction projects in the Mid-Atlantic region dating back to 1916. The company is engaged in many types of construction projects,

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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 Providence, R.I., was established in 1970. The regional office has been recognized for several notable projects such as the Baltimore Convention Center, the Center for Innovative Technology, Union Station and The National Air and Space Museum.

The Fort Belvoir Community 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.

For more information on the Norfolk District projects, visit www.armyengineersnorfolk.com. Questions may be directed to the Norfolk District Public Affairs Office at (757) 201-7606.