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Von Braun Complex Phase III Contract Awarded

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a \$221.2 million contract to Archer Western Contractors, Ltd., headquartered in Atlanta, for design and construction of the third and largest phase of the Von Braun Complex on Redstone Arsenal, Ala. for the U.S. Missile Defense Agency. The building will accommodate 2,649 positions and will be the largest single building on Redstone Arsenal.

The 839,873-square foot facility will house 2,248 Missile Defense Agency positions that were realigned from the Washington, D.C. area as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) recommendations in 2005, as well as 240 positions from Huntsville and 161 Army Space and Missile Defense Agency positions from the Washington, D.C. area.

The building will include approximately 750,000 square feet of administrative space, an 800-seat auditorium, a cafeteria, a fitness center and a central mechanical plant. The facility will be constructed in two phases. Phase I will be completed in the spring of 2010, allowing the move-in of the first 800 to 1,000 workers that summer. Phase II will be completed in early 2011 with move-in of remaining workers in the summer. When the building is completed, the entire Von Braun Complex, including buildings that were completed in 2004 and 2007, will house approximately 4,500 personnel.

The project, which will be constructed via a design-build contract, will be incrementally funded over three years with initial funding in FY08 of \$67 million. The funding plan calls for an additional \$127 million in FY09 and \$27.8 million in FY10. Groundbreaking and construction are expected as early as spring of 2008.

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