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Construction Contract Awarded on First Airmen Training Complex Facility, Lackland Air Force Base

Aurora, CO – March 18, 2010 - The construction contract for the first facility of the Airmen Training Complex (ATC) that will be built at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was awarded to the Balfour Beatty/Satterfield & Pontikes Joint Venture, it was announced by Merrick & Company, lead architect and engineer for the project. The \$46 million awarded contract is for a dormitory that includes space for 1,248 recruits, administrative offices, and day rooms. This dormitory is one of eight housing units that will eventually be part of the ATC, along with four dining-classroom facilities, and ATC campus utility infrastructure upgrades.

The remaining portions of the ATC will be put out to bid, with the first of four dining-classroom facilities being awarded in February, 2010. Portions of the ATC will be set aside for small business participation that will include landscaping, irrigation, sidewalks, parking areas, and training facilities associated with each dormitory such as running tracks, drill pads, war skills areas, and weapons cleaning pavilions.

The majority of this dormitory's first floor is open to the exterior and includes a skylight to provide covered formation space, so training can occur during the inclement weather. Other features of the facility include a utility crawlspace, mechanical penthouse, AT/FP requirements and design for a sought-after LEED Silver certification. It's anticipated that construction of all the facilities will take approximately nine years to complete. Construction of the first dormitory will begin immediately.

Merrick & Company provided architecture, mechanical/electrical/structural engineering, and interior design for the project, with K.M. Ng & Associates of San Antonio, Texas, providing civil engineering and exterior electrical engineering services. Cost estimating was provided by U.S. Cost. Merrick will also be providing construction management during construction.

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