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Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Breaks Ground on New Kitchen/Warehouse Facility

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Today, officials from the City of New Orleans and FEMA joins Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin Gusman to mark the official start of construction on the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office's new Correctional Complex.

The new Kitchen/Warehouse facility is the first building of a new, safer, more secure and efficient jail complex for Orleans Parish. It will be a three-story, 163,885 square-foot modern structure that will meet or exceed the standards and codes of the American Correctional Association. The kitchen will be able to serve more than 25,000 meals in a 12- to 14-hour period, if needed. It can also preserve prepared meals in its freezer for up to 45 days.

The central power plant will generate eight mega-watts of emergency generator power, which is enough electricity to run 750,000 square feet of office space. Additionally, the power plant will have 6,500 tons of cooling capacity, which can condition up to 1,000,000 square feet, if necessary. Additionally, the warehouse will feature more than one mile of shelving to provide adequate storage.

This facility is the first project of the new Correctional Complex plan and is estimated to be completed in late 2012.

The contractor for the Kitchen/Warehouse facility is Woodward Design-Build, a New Orleans-based construction firm that specializes in commercial, industrial, medical and hospitality related design and construction. The architectural team includes Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects, Grace & Hebert Architects and Billes Architecture. The project management team, OMK, is a joint venture between Ozanne Construction, Montgomery Watson Harza and Kwame Building Group, Inc.

In several months, the Sheriff's Office will begin the bidding process for Phase 2 of the Correctional Complex. Phase 2 will include a new inmate housing structure with 1,438 beds, a new permanent intake and processing center and administrative facilities.

Additionally in February the Sheriff's Office, the City of New Orleans and FEMA commenced demolition of former inmate housing buildings Templeman 1 and 2.

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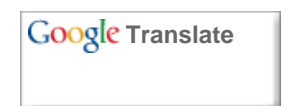
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