U.S. EMBASSY PRISTINA, KOSOVO

GROUND BREAKING FACT SHEET

MAY 2015

Design Architect Davis Brody Bond

Architect of Record PAGE

Design/Build Contractor BL Harbert, International

Site 12 acres

Office Space 125,012 square feet

Total Project Budget $215.5 million

General Information

- The new U.S. Embassy is situated on a 12-acre site in central Pristina, approximately 0.9 miles southwest of the city center.
- The complex includes a chancery office building, a Marine Security Guard residence, a support annex and utility building, and facilities for the Embassy community.
- The new Embassy will provide a secure, modern, and environmentally sustainable platform for diplomacy in Pristina.

Design

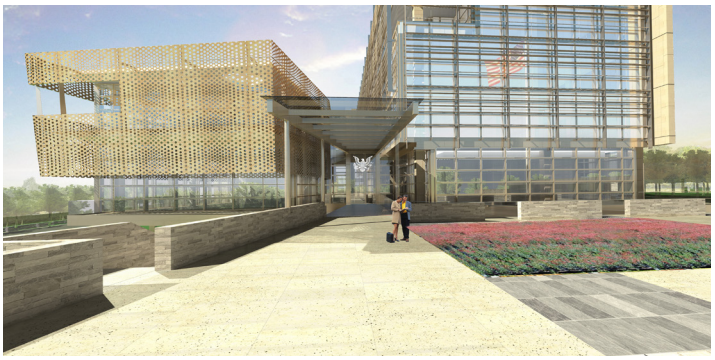
- The building meets all Department standards for security and provides modern office space for Embassy staff. The interior office space is highly flexible to accommodate change and growth.
- The new campus is designed to provide a presence in the cityscape of Pristina as a point of pride for both countries. The building siting takes advantage of views over the city center to the mountains. A multi-functional pond that is part of the mechanical system provides a landscaped foreground for the complex.
- The design includes indoor and outdoor representational spaces for public events.
- The landscaping includes pedestrian-oriented plazas and courts. The Consular Garden's large group of flowering cherry trees recalls the geometry of local orchards.

Sustainability

- The project is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification, targeting LEED® Gold certification.
- A ground source heat pump will transfer heat to and from the ground, reducing heating and cooling costs. Cool and vegetated roofs will reduce the building's heat gain and need for air-conditioning.
- Daylight harvesting will reduce the chancery's energy consumption, while LED lighting provides increased efficiency and reduced maintenance.
- The complex is expected to achieve net zero water usage by balancing its water demands with the supply generated on-site through efficient fixtures and irrigation systems, captured rain water, and on-site treatment and recycling water resources.

Construction

- Full construction begins in May 2015, and the project is expected to be completed in December 2017.
- Many of the estimated 700-800 workers involved in construction will be from the local region.



Art

- The permanent art collection, curated by the Office of Art in Embassies, will encompass works in a variety of media by U.S. and Kosovar artists.
- The collection as a whole will celebrate the cultural connections between Kosovo and the United States.
- Highlights will include site-specific commissions that reflect a strong, cross-cultural understanding of the diversity and richness of U.S. and Kosovar cultural heritage.

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