

U.S. EMBASSY COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

GROUND BREAKING FACT SHEET

DECEMBER 2016



Design Architect ZGF Architects, LLP

Architect of Record Integrus Architecture

General Contractor Caddell Construction Co.

Site 5.7 acres

Total Project Budget \$281 million

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The multi-building complex will be constructed on the current Embassy site, which has expanded to include an adjacent property. The Embassy is situated in a prominent location on Galle Road along the seafront in central Colombo.
- The project includes a Chancery, Marine Security Guard Residence, support buildings, and facilities for the Embassy community. The new Embassy will meet all of the required security standards.
- The new Embassy campus will provide a secure, modern, and environmentally sustainable platform for diplomacy.
- The construction contract was awarded in April 2016, and completion of the project is anticipated in 2020.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- The chancery exterior will provide integrated climate protection through deep overhangs and sun screens. Large “porches” mark the main entries and provide communal space for staff and visitors. These features are modern interpretations of elements of the local vernacular architecture.
- The landscape design features plants that are indigenous to Southern Asia, as well as high-quality local paving and hardscape materials, and integrates storm water management.
- An estimated workforce of 700 American, Sri Lankan, and third-country workers will be involved in the construction of the new Embassy.

SUSTAINABILITY

- The project is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) green building rating system and is projected to earn LEED® Silver status.
- The 172 kilowatt (kW) photovoltaic solar array is estimated to provide 11 percent of the new office building's annual energy use.
- Rainwater will be captured, stored, and reused for irrigation. It is projected to supply 87 percent of the site's irrigation needs.
- Excavated soil from the compound will be converted into sand and re-used on-site as a recycled material.

ART

- The permanent art collection, curated by the Office of Art in Embassies, will include art in a variety of media, including painting, photography, textile and sculpture.
- Artists will be included from both the United States and Sri Lanka. The ultimate focus of the collection will be artwork that creates a dialogue between the American works and host country artists that are compatible with cultural values shared by both our countries.



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