U.S. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

FIRST PHASE DEDICATION FACT SHEET

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Yost Grube Hall Architecture

Design Architect Yost Grube Hall Architecture

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General Contractor B.L. Harbert International

Site 43.07 acres

Office Space 58,331 square meters

Total Project Budget $1 Billion

General Information

- The new U.S. Embassy is situated on a 43-acre site approximately 4 miles from the city center, in Islamabad's "Diplomatic Enclave," a residential and business neighborhood adjacent to major government offices.
- The first phase of this multi-phased project includes a chancery building, office annex, support services annex, warehouse, utility building, and an Ambassador's residence. The second phase will include a consular annex, staff housing apartments, a parking structure, and other facilities for the embassy community.
- Construction commenced in 2011, and the first phase was ready for occupancy in April of 2015. The second phase is scheduled for occupancy in early-2018.

Design

- The building meets all Department of State standards for life safety and security and provides open, light-filled spaces for the employees. Representational areas include a gallery space that can accommodate large gatherings and showcase artwork.
- Design elements incorporated the use of local materials such as natural stone for building façades, structural steel, cement, crushed stone, sand, natural gravel, and various architectural elements including paints, ceramic and clay tiles, bathroom fixtures, cabinetry and furniture.
- The finished campus maintained the original topography and plantings to the extent possible.

Sustainability

- The campus has an efficient on-site wastewater treatment plant, which allows the treated waste water to be reused for irrigation.
- The campus also features sunshades to reduce solar heat-gain, energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) lighting, and automated building systems to reduce operating costs.
- The campus utilizes an automated "Daylight Harvesting" system that reduces energy consumption for lighting by up to 35%. The system adjusts office area lighting in response to the amount of daylight entering the space to maintain a pre-set lighting level at work-area desktops.

Construction

- Approximately 5,500 American, local, and other workers were involved in construction of the project.
- Construction, technical, security, and administrative personnel performed over 14 million man hours to complete the first phase of the project.

Construction Photos - U.S. Department of State

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