

# U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO

## GROUNDBREAKING FACT SHEET

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**Design Architect** Moore Ruble Yudell

**Architect of Record** PAGE

**General Contractor** BL Harbert International, LLC

**Site** 5.6 acres

**Total Project Cost** \$ 155 Million

- In an important symbol of enduring friendship with Mexico, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, E. Anthony Wayne, broke ground on the new U.S. Consulate General in Nuevo Laredo.
- The new U.S. Consulate General is situated on a 5.6-acre site in eastern Nuevo Laredo. The multi-building campus includes a chancery office building, a Marine Security Guard residence, a support annex and utility building, and facilities for the Consulate community.
- The new Consulate campus will provide a secure, modern, and environmentally sustainable platform for diplomacy in Nuevo Laredo.
- The contractor is in the process of mobilizing and establishing temporary facilities for the project and full construction will begin in mid-July 2015. The project is expected to be completed by September 2017.
- An estimated 500 workers will be involved in the construction of the new Consulate General.

## DESIGN

- The building meets all Department standards for security and provides modern office space for the Consulate staff.
- The design is inspired by the regional architecture of the Rio Grande valley that makes use of verandas and other covered volumes to create indoor/outdoor spaces.
- The outdoor landscape takes advantage of the local flora and fauna to include clusters of existing oak trees that will remain through construction.

## SUSTAINABILITY

- The project is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification and is projected to receive LEED® Silver certification.
- The compound is designed to harvest and store rainwater for nearly all irrigation use, reducing the demand on local potable water supply systems.
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures will be used, allowing the buildings to consume a projected 30-40% less water than a typical building.
- The building is designed with energy efficient lighting and systems, to use a projected 20-30% less energy than a typical building.



Consular Waiting Area



Gallery

## ART

- The art collection will include contemporary art in a variety of media including sculpture, painting, and photography.
- There will be a number of site-specific installations created to harmonize with the architecture and to energize the space.
- Artists included will be from both the United States and Mexico. The ultimate focus of the collection will be to draw cultural parallels and intersections between the United States and Mexico.

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