

What's New

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BE&K Building Group Celebrates Groundbreaking for U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse, Tuscaloosa, AL

The U.S. General Services Administration held a formal groundbreaking ceremony today for a new Federal Building and Courthouse in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The \$47 million building, designed to achieve LEED® Silver certification, replaces an outdated existing facility. The

BE&K Building Group is serving as Construction Manager at Risk, teamed with a local partner, Harrison Construction, a well-respected contractor based in Tuscaloosa. The architect of record is Chicago-based Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge Architects. The BE&K Building Group's involvement in the project kicked off 12 months ago with an extensive and extended preconstruction effort.



Tuscaloosa is in the midst of a major urban revitalization project, and this 127,376-square-foot landmark public building will serve as an anchor for future development and an enhancement to the downtown community. The Greek-Revival style facility — designed with a cast-in-place concrete structure with limestone skin — will meet GSA's national goals to reduce building energy use and be in full compliance with interagency security criteria. Our team's scope of work includes an energy efficient envelope, enhanced mechanical system, two court rooms, detention facilities and customer service areas. Utilizing Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology, the construction team is working closely with the General Services Administration to develop an as-built model that can be used for operations and maintenance once the facility opens. Completion is anticipated at the end of 2011.

About the BE&K Building Group — The BE&K Building Group, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a prominent construction services firm with an established track record for serving commercial, healthcare, industrial, and institutional clients throughout the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and South Central regions. The BE&K Building Group, which has operations in eight locations, is the exclusive commercial construction arm of KBR, a leading U.S. based engineering, construction and services company.

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