

Durham County Courthouse & Parking Structure Project

Project Description:

This project is the construction of a new Durham County Courthouse and parking deck to support its operations. This facility was recommended in the Justice Center Master Plan completed in 1990 and is also a high priority in the Facility Master Plan completed in 2000 and amended 2003. This project includes construction of a new 318,533 square foot, eleven-story building of steel frame construction with natural stone and precast concrete exterior wall and a new 298,600 square foot, 897 spaces, six floors, parking deck of precast concrete construction. The building and parking deck will be built concurrently with an earlier completion date for the parking deck. The construction of the parking structure is anticipated to be completed in 2011 and the building in 2012. The new Durham County Courthouse and Parking Structure are being built on parcels adjacent to the Durham County Detention Facility.

Building Design Elements:

The new Courthouse building is designed to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification from the USGBC (U.S. Green Building Council), in accordance with the guidelines of Durham County High Performance Building Policy adopted by the Durham Board of County Commissioners. The following are a few of the key sustainable design features of the project: Green roof; Rain water collection cistern tank system; Use of regional materials; Energy-efficient HVAC system; Water-efficient landscaping and plumbing fixtures; Priority parking for fuel efficient vehicles; Bike lockers & shower facilities; Plaza retains open urban space; and Sustainably-harvested wood used inside building.

The current Judicial Building is no longer able to house all court related functions. This project would meet long term needs of the court system and would address the space and design deficiencies of the current building. Adequate parking adjacent to the new Courthouse, Detention Facility will improve service delivery and convenience for users of these facilities.

Occupants: Office of the Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, District Court, Superior Court, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Trial Court Administration

Representatives of Community Corrections, Criminal Justice Resource Center, Juvenile Justice, and Guardian Ad Litem will also be located in the building.

Architect: O'Brien Atkins Associates, Inc., Durham, NC

General Contractor: The Whiting Turner Contracting Company, Inc., Raleigh, NC

Total Project Budget: \$119,146,455.00