Intelligence Community Campus - Bethesda

Phase 2 (South Campus), Centrum

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Preliminary
Project Information

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NCPC review authority: Federal Projects in the District (40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d))
Applicant request: Preliminary and final approval of site and building plans
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Project summary:
The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), acting on behalf of the Defense Intelligence Agency, has submitted preliminary site and building plans for the Intelligence Community Campus – Bethesda, Phase 2 (South Campus), Centrum project. The Intelligence Community Campus – Bethesda (ICC-B), former National Geospatial Agency Headquarters, is located in Bethesda, Maryland. The Campus is bound by a local park and private school to the north, undeveloped property to the south, retail and residential to the east, and National Park Service land to the west. A small amount of residential is also located to the west of the site. The Campus is in the process of being redeveloped into a modern, state-of-the-art facility that will serve the Intelligence Community, a coalition of 17 agencies and organizations within the executive branch that work to gather the intelligence necessary to conduct foreign relations and national security activities.

In 2012, the Commission approved the ICC-B Master Plan which separated the redevelopment of the site into two phases (North Campus and South Campus). The first phase, North Campus, includes the construction of a new parking garage in the northwest corner of the site, a visitor control center, and a vehicle inspection facility. The Commission approved the North Campus redevelopment at its July 2012 meeting.

Phase two, South Campus, entails the full redevelopment of the existing buildings on the site to meet modern office and technology requirements, to provide the requisite level of security. Phase two will also include significant site improvements that will substantially eliminate the amount of impervious surface that currently exists on the site.

The Centrum is the first Phase 2 project to be funded and advanced through the design review process. In addition to providing new office and meeting space, and campus amenities such as a cafeteria and auditorium, the Centrum will also
Project summary (con’t):

improve overall building circulation by serving as the central circulation spine that ties together existing buildings on the site such as Erskine Hall, Roberdeau Hall, and Maury Hall.

The Centrum is designed along a north-south axis with east-west wings at each end. The Centrum will provide four levels of above ground space with a full basement area. The second, third, and fourth floors of the Centrum to contain office space for approximately 356 occupants as well as conference space. The main building entry will be located at the north end of the Centrum near the Visitor Control Facility and employee parking garage.

The façade materials consist of a natural stone façade base and first level that is intended to blend into the site landscaping and surrounding park land. The upper levels will have patterned window openings that provide views and natural light into the office space. The upper level cladding will be a prefinished aluminum metal panel system in a variegated copper color range. The roofing system will primarily be a Ethylene Propylene Terpolymer (EPDM) continuous membrane with the exception of the small area over the loading dock which will be an Inverted Roof Membrane Assembly to allow for the installation of a green roof. The Centrum building will also contain a cistern for purposes of capturing storm water runoff from the building roof and reuse in a greywater system.

Within the limits of disturbance for the Centrum project, the landscape will include native vegetation and micro-bioretenion along the east side of the building. There will be four paved terraces; the entrance on the north side of the building, a central gathering place between the Centrum and Erskine Hall, a south entrance from the historic landscape in front of Erskine Hall, and a Wellness Garden terrace on the north side of Roberdeau Hall.
Approved Master Plan

Figure 6.1: Proposed ICC-B Color Coded Sequencing Plan: North Campus start construction early 2012, (pink shaded area); South Campus start construction late 2012, (blue shaded area), targeted partial occupancy 2014, full occupancy 2016, (March 2012 Concept Plan)
Centrum Limits of Disturbance