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MEDIA NOTE

United States Dedicates
New U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan

In an important symbol of our commitment and enduring relationship with Pakistan, U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Richard G. Olson, and the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Deputy Director Casey Jones, alongside local officials, dedicated the new U.S. Embassy in Islamabad today.

With a total project budget of $1 billion, the new facilities constructed in the first phase include a chancery and office annex, a service support annex, a warehouse, and a utility building. The second phase will include staff apartment buildings, a consular annex, a parking structure, and additional facilities for the embassy community.

The project incorporates numerous sustainable features to conserve resources and reduce operating costs, including an array of photovoltaic panels on the top deck of the service support facility, energy efficient light-emitting diode site lighting, and architectural sunshades to limit solar heat gain. An on-site waste water treatment plant allows treated water to be used for irrigation.

Yost Grube Hall Architecture of Portland, Oregon is the design architect, and PAGE of Arlington, Virginia is the architect of record. B.L. Harbert International of Birmingham, Alabama constructed the multi-building campus.

Since 1999, as part of the Department's Capital Security Construction Program, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) has completed 121 new diplomatic facilities and has an additional 46 projects in design or under construction.

OBO's mission is to provide safe, secure, and functional facilities that represent the U.S. government to the host nation and support our staff in the achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives. These facilities should represent American values and the best in American architecture, engineering, technology, sustainability, art, culture, and construction execution.

For more information on the project, please visit http://overseasbuildings.state.gov/releases/kits/, or contact Christine Foushee at FousheeCT@state.gov or (703) 875-4131.

# U.S. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

FIRST PHASE DEDICATION FACT SHEET

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Yost Grube Hall Architecture

**Design Architect** Yost Grube Hall Architecture

**Architect of Record** PAGE

**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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