



Spring 2008

DFC Masterplan / Redevelopment Update

Denver Federal Center Master Plan Completed



GSA has just completed the Final Federal Center Site Plan Study – a new 20-year Master Site Plan, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Denver Federal Center, Lakewood, CO.

Over 330 individual comments were received on the April 2007 Draft Study during the public comment period that ended in June 2007, covering a wide range of topics from open space, to traffic, to site security. GSA and its extensive team of consultants and project participants has worked diligently to review and consider all of the comments, evaluate and respond to questions and concerns, and develop a “preferred alternative” for the Final Master Site Plan and Final EIS.

Key components of the plan include:

- A mix of land use districts centered around a “Federal Quad;”
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) - higher-density, pedestrian-friendly districts in proximity to transit adjacent and around the new RTD Intermodal Station;
- A stepped-down density pattern from the north to the south of the Federal Center site approaching Alameda Avenue, and from the west to the east approaching Kipling Street, integrating new uses with existing development;
- Increasing community recreational amenities for federal tenants and the general public in both active and passive open space;
- An aggressive building demolition and replacement plan;
- Preservation and enhancement of natural systems and open space areas.

GSA has also completed the EIS that evaluates the potential impacts of implementing this redevelopment plan on the Federal Center. GSA anticipates filing of a Record of Decision

(ROD) for the EIS in March 2008. Filing of the ROD officially completes the process and clears the way for GSA to begin actual implementation of the plan. Many follow on studies, analysis and individual project planning will occur later this year.

Completion and future implementation of the new Federal Center Master Plan, adds to the already exciting changes happening on the site. On September 19, 2007, GSA closed on the sale of 65 acres on the west side of the Federal Center to the City of Lakewood. The land was in turn sold immediately to St. Anthony Hospital and to the Regional Transportation District (RTD) for the construction of St. Anthony West Hospital and an RTD intermodal light rail transit station. Construction will begin in the Summer of 2008. In this very unique and precedent-setting market value land sale, GSA retained the sale proceeds and will utilize it for capital infrastructure improvements to the Federal Center.

Although the Federal Center Master Plan is a long-term vision and will occur in stages over the course of 20 years, it sets forth a clear and exciting strategy and framework for meeting the current and future needs of our federal tenants and the larger community.

For additional information about the Federal Center project, and/or to request copies of the Final Master Plan and EIS, please visit the project website at www.gsa.gov/dfcsiteplan, contact Senior Project Manager Lisa Wild at (303) 236-8000 ext. 5039, or email dfcsiteplan@gsa.gov.

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Does your agency have business-related news it would like to share with the DFC community? Submit your articles to DFCNews@gsa.gov! We will feature an article from various agencies on the DFC in each issue.

Environmental News

State of the Regional Recycling Program FY07



The GSA Recycling Program was first created in 1983 as a result of Executive Order 12780 that required federal agencies to promote cost-effective federal waste reducing and recycling of reusable materials. At that time, the only material that had a value for recycling on a nationwide scale was white office paper and related products. In 1998, President Clinton signed Executive Order 13101 which simplified the recycling requirements and included the requirement for purchasing products that contained recycled content materials. Tracking of the recycling stream and the purchase of green products continued to be problematic; however, strategies were beginning to be implemented to standardize the process. In January of 2007, Executive Order 13423 was signed by President Bush that placed further importance on recycling and green purchasing activities.

During FY2007, the Rocky Mountain Region successfully implemented and tracked waste and recycling stream activities. This was coupled with using GSA Advantage to track agency purchasing trends. The most notable recycling successes are as follows:

Byron Rogers FB/Courthouse-Alfred A. Arraj US Courthouse:

Cost Savings – Annual Trash Expense Savings: \$15,600

FY 2007 Waste Audit Data:	FY 2002 Waste Audit Data:
Tons of Waste Collected: 115.29	Tons of Waste Collected: 819
Tons of Paper Recycled: 53.40	Tons of Paper Recycled: 29.88
Tons of Cardboard Collected: 8.72	Tons of Cardboard Collected: 0
Tons of Commingled Containers (glass, aluminum, tin, plastic): 0.20	Tons of Commingled Containers: 0
Facility Waste Diversion Rate: 54%	Facility Waste Diversion Rate: 4%

Building 41, Denver Federal Center

- Created a trash room complete with compactor and bailer, estimated capacity is 1 ton of trash and 800 lbs of cardboard processed per week, estimated recycling diversion rate is 36%. The EPA minimum requirement is 35%.
 - Total Waste = 40,030 lbs/20.02 tons
 - Total Recycling = 14,430 lbs/7.22 tons
- Installed collection centers for recyclable drink containers and related items
 - Currently designing the next phase of the improved recycling program
- Denver Federal Center
 - Implemented a single stream program, collected 52 tons of materials at the close of FY07
 - Implemented a demolition recycling program that processed 30 tons of debris
 - Hosted its first Home Electronics Collection event. A total of 141 people attended and 7.25 tons of electronics were recycled.

After the release of Executive Order 13423, the Rocky Mountain Region has seen an increase in tenant interest for assistance with their building's recycling activities. Plans to meet those needs and interests are to:

- Implement single stream collection and improved waste collection activities one building per year.
- Put into practice a battery collection program in all regional GSA owned properties.
- Host annual electronics challenge to encourage federal employees to recycle old electronics in an environmentally preferable manner.
- Create and employ a green team in Building 41 at the Denver Federal Center.
- Provide assistance to tenant agencies to start their own green teams.
- Attain the minimum EPA Waste Reduction rate of 35% for all facilities both government owned and leased.
- Capitalize upon local markets for recycling construction and demolition materials on every project.

Get Your Dose of Vitamin D

Did you know the DFC Solar Park went online January 4, 2008, and is now producing enough energy to heat approximately 145 homes? The solar park has produced 127,000 kWh of power since going on line. In February we are averaging 3,400 kWh/day with a high of 6,380 kWh on Sunday, February 20.

What's Happening on the DFC?

Remodeled Cafeteria Opening

Come and enjoy the newly remodeled full-service cafeteria in Building 67 starting March 3, 2008. Please join us on March 11, 2008, for the Grand Opening event and take advantage of various food specials. The cafeteria hours will be from 6:30 am – 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

Building 42 Demolition

Building 42 has been demolished, remediated and backfilled. Contractors are now waiting on warmer weather to begin paving for a future parking lot. All recyclable materials from the demolition have been sent to the DFC recycling area where 45,000 tons will be stored for future backfill projects.

More Single-Stream Recycling Bins Being Added

The DFC single-stream recycling program has been such a success that we are adding additional recycle dumpsters at the following locations starting the first week in April:

- Bldg. 20 east parking lot
- Bldg. 25 east parking lot
- Bldg. 50 south parking lot
- Bldg. 55 west parking lot
- Bldg. 75 parking lot

New Operations and Maintenance Contract

On December 1, 2007, Aleut Facilities Support Services (AFSS) was awarded the GSA Team 4 Operations and Maintenance Contract on the DFC. AFSS is responsible for more than 16,000 pieces of equipment throughout 27 buildings on the center.

With Gregg Brown as the Project Manager, AFSS is committed to providing around the clock world class customer service. The AFSS team, housed out of Building 25, consists of 18 employees including HVAC specialists/technicians, electricians, general maintenance workers, locksmith, EMS technicians and administrative staff. AFSS is owned by Aleut Management Services who is a subsidiary company of the Aleut Corporation, a 100% Native Alaskan Company located in Anchorage, Alaska. Aleut believes in providing tomorrow's benchmark, today by this simple platform CARES; Community, Accountability, Respect, Empowerment and Service.

Road and Parking Lot Repairs

Following cold and snowy winters, comes numerous road and parking lot repairs. This spring, GSA will be repairing potholes as well as restriping some roads and parking lots. For more information on this project, please contact Michael Alley, Project Manager at (303) 236-8000 x5059.

Agency News

Introducing Your Investigative Team

In November 2007, the General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General (GSA-OIG), opened a new investigation office located in the Denver Federal Center.

The GSA-OIG performs investigations pursuant to violations of GSA programs and operations. These can be criminal, civil and/or administrative in nature with emphasis on white collar crimes. Typically, the Office of Investigations conducts investigations relating to violations of Title 18, United States Code: including fraud, bribery, larceny, embezzlement, collusion, false claims, and conflict of interest. These investigations also extend to numerous other federal statutes, where the violations may be in the form of threats, thefts, forgeries, extortion, or embezzlements, effecting the programs and operations of the GSA. Enforcement activities can include interviews, undercover operations, surveillance, arrests, and searches warrants.

These investigations are often worked in conjunction with other agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Defense Criminal Investigative Service, other Offices of Inspector Generals, and military criminal investigative organizations.

The Denver, GSA-OIG office can be contacted by a personal visit or by calling: (303) 236-5073; fax: (303) 236-5074; or by US Mail, GSA-OIG, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25327, Bldg 20, Room A1142, Denver, CO 80225-0327.

Complaints can also be reported, anonymously or not, by contacting the FraudNet Hotline:

- FraudNet Form: Submit a FraudNet Form. Use of the form will avoid disclosure of your e-mail address if you choose to remain anonymous.
- E-Mail: Send an e-mail message to fraudnet@gsa.gov. Your e-mail address will be transmitted to the FraudNet Hotline officer in the heading of your message.
- Telephone: 1(800) 424-5210 (Toll free) or (202) 501-1780
- U.S. Mail: GSA/OIG Investigations, ATTENTION: FraudNet Hotline, 1800 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20405

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Expo 2008

Go Green with GSA and Make Every Day Earth Day

GSA's Earth Day Expo is an opportunity to connect with industry experts, organizations and businesses.

This year's event will feature

- A Xeriscape seminar presented by Denver Water
- Exhibits from local eco-conscious federal agencies, organizations and businesses highlighting their green products, services and programs
- GSA's offering of green products and services to help federal agencies go green and achieve environmental goals
- A free raffle for earth-friendly products

Why you should attend Earth Day 2008

- Learn ways to go green and make a difference
- Check out Colorado's green businesses and resources
- Learn about organization's that support environmental initiatives and conservation
- Learn about new environmental laws, programs and procedures
- Network with industry experts, organizations and businesses

Exhibit at Earth Day 2008

Showcase your agency's sustainability programs and business practices. To exhibit at this year's event, please contact:

Angelica Cohen at (303) 236-8000 ext. 2373 or at angelica.cohen@gsa.gov.

To learn more about GSA's green initiatives, please visit www.gsa.gov/green.

**Thursday April 17, 2008
Denver Federal Center (DFC)
Building 41, Remington Arms Room
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Run or Walk With Us at the 25th Federal Cup 5k

Warm up your engines on Saturday May 17, 2008, at 8:15 am on the Denver Federal Center, and run or walk the 25th annual Federal Cup 5K. This is a fun family event, exclusive to the federal and military community. Register before the event for an \$8 entry fee or \$10 if you register the day of the event. Children can also participate in the one-mile fun run for free.

This annual event is held on Armed Forces Day to provide a day of family fun and lively competition while recognizing the efforts and contributions of federal employees and military members to the country and community. Everyone can enjoy the free food, music, and door prizes donated by area merchants and race sponsors. You will also be able to purchase t-shirts, hats, and pins the day of the event. Each federal agency and military branch is encouraged to enter with a team. Individual and team awards will be presented at the end of the race.

Interested? Individuals and teams can register at www.FedCup5K.com, download the 2008 paper entry form and bring it to the event, or you can go to www.Active.com and register online. You may call (303) 220-4040 with any questions.

A “FEW” Good Women

In February, 2006, the Denver Federal Center Chapter was chartered and it is the 434th Federally Employed Women (FEW) Chapter. The DFC Chapter holds monthly program meetings on the Federal Center in the E-14 Lecture Hall of Building 25, from 11:30-12:30 over the lunch hour, generally on the third Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings.

At only two years old, the DFC Chapter has won national recognition for its programs and special events. In their short history, they have covered topics ranging from FEW's Focus Areas of Compliance, Diversity, and Legislation, to Professional Networking, Getting Ahead in Government, Time Management, and Motivation and Attitude Adjustment.

Program topics come from a variety of sources. Often, the names of speakers and trainers are submitted by members. At other times, just being on the Federal Center Campus provides the Chapter with a wealth of talent and information to use in constructing programs.

In January, 2008, FEW was the first organization to welcome the Denver Federal Executive Board to the DFC at their January 2008 meeting. On February 20, 2008, Polly Baca, former GSA Regional Administrator and current President and CEO of the Latin American Research And Service Agency (LARASA) concluded a three-part Legislative Action Series with a session entitled, “Your Vote Does Count,” which included a discussion on how a bill becomes a law and the effectiveness of citizen involvement. Plan to attend a meeting soon! To learn more about joining the DFC Chapter and to get on the Chapter's e-news list, email Chapter Vice President Cheryl Hutchinson at Cheryl.Hutchinson@fhwa.dot.gov.

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 19, 2008 - “Is Affirmative Action Still Alive in the Government, and if So, Where is it Hiding?” -DFC Building 25
- April 17, 2008 - No Monthly Chapter Meeting
 - Regional Training Program - “Pursue Excellence” at DU
- May 21, 2008 - “The Best Way to Predict Your Future Is to Create it Now!” -DFC Building 25

Training is another area FEW focuses on. DFC Chapter programs provide local education. The DFC Chapter is a part of the six-state Rocky Mountain Region and is actively working on the planning team for the 2008 Regional Training Program, “Pursue Excellence,” at the Women's College at DU on April 17. For more information about this excellent and affordable training opportunity visit www.rmfew.org.

On the National level, FEW's 39th Annual National Training Program, “Moving On – Moving Up,” will be held July 14-18, 2008, in Anaheim, CA. For more information on this outstanding training and networking event, visit www.fewntp.org.

FEW is a private non-profit professional organization founded in 1968 to work towards ending discrimination and advancing career opportunities for women in federal service. For more information about the national organization, visit www.few.org.

