



## Nevada Site Office News

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### **THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NEVADA SITE OFFICE (NNSA/NSO OPENS GREEN FACILITY IN NORTH LAS VEGAS)**

The NNSA/NSO is celebrating the completion of the B3 administration office construction process with a building dedication. The ceremony, to be held at 10 a.m. on March 25, marks the federal agency's first "green building" at its North Las Vegas site. Scheduled to attend are Governor Jim Gibbons, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, and North Las Vegas Mayor Michael Montandon, as well as other dignitaries from the U. S. Department of Energy, and the Nevada Test Site management and operations contractor, National Security Technologies, LLC.

Offering more than 71,000 square feet of usable space, the building will house up to 400 employees. The structure incorporates state-of-the-art automation to monitor and control lighting, heating, cooling and air quality. Additional "green" features include an insulated roof which reduces heating and what is known as the "heat island effect," enhanced refrigeration management, and desert friendly landscaping.

Energy performance is expected to be optimized by 17.5 percent, and in addition to purchasing goods locally, construction waste management utilized approximately 10 percent of the recycled construction debris. The facility, an extensive remodel project, was built to Leadership and Energy in Environmental Design (LEED) standards, and is expected to qualify for the prestigious LEED Silver designation.

"This is a remarkable example of a 1980's building strategically converted into an energy efficient structure for the 2000's," explains Stephen A. Mellington, Acting Manager for the NNSA/NSO. "Further, it is an effective demonstration of your government at work."

Media are invited to attend, however, security procedures exist for the facility. All members of the press must be U.S. citizens. Call 295-3521 to RSVP and for more information.

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