



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)  
**Green Office Building, Fillmore**  
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## Green is “Gold” in the BLM’s New Fillmore Office Building



Drawing of the BLM's Fillmore Office Building

Fillmore, Utah’s greenest building will soon belong to American taxpayers when the BLM’s new Fillmore Field Office building is completed next year. About \$2 million in ARRA funds provided the money for the new building which is expected to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification requirements for the Gold standard (the second highest possible) from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The 10,000 square foot building will include a new 20-kilowatt grid-connected photovoltaic system that will provide about 25 percent of the building’s electricity. Overall energy use will be about 70 percent less than in the previous building.

LEED certification is internationally recognized and signifies that a building is environmentally responsible, profitable and a healthy place to work. LEED certification demonstrates the high level of commitment the BLM has toward energy efficiency. This project will be the BLM’s third LEED certification and second LEED gold rating in Utah.

In addition to solar energy, the building will feature skylights, low flow toilets, water collection structures for irrigation, and other conservation measures. It will include bike racks and showers to encourage employees to bike to work and to stay fit.



Digging the trench for the foundation

Construction began in September and is about 60 percent toward completion, expected in September 2010. The project is providing immediate jobs in the community of Fillmore and new energy efficiencies will result in long-term cost savings for taxpayers.



Frame of the new building

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