



BE&K Government Group Wins Reserve Readiness Center Project - Reserve, LA

Construction of a new 32,500 square foot Readiness Center was awarded to BE&K's Government Group by the Military Department of the State of Louisiana.

BE&K's Government Group has won its first major construction contract to build a new \$15.7M Reserve Readiness Center for the State of Louisiana Air National Guard. The 32,500-square-foot center will be built in Reserve, LA, about 35 miles west of New Orleans.

The facility will be used for training, mobilizing and deploying troops and to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during natural disasters and other emergencies.

"This is the first major construction project we've won," said Frank Sassin, vice president of construction for the Government Group, adding that the next step is to deploy the team that will perform the construction smoothly and efficiently.

Jack Buczek has been named to manage the project, which is slated to begin in January and completed by March 2008.

The Government Group won the contract in a highly competitive, two-phase bid process. Before BE&K could qualify to bid, Ken Gray, director of project controls, passed the Louisiana Contractor's Examination making the Government Group eligible for a Louisiana contractor's license.

"This win was the result of contributions of every member of the Government Group," said Dave Nash, Government Group president. "We have assembled a winning team and our future looks extremely bright."

Additional Government Group proposal team members contributing to the significant win are contracts administrator Rich Ambrosiewicz, quality control manager B.J. Harger, cost engineer Pat Coyne, schedule manager Vince Priola, safety manager Page Warde, estimating manager Steve Haglund, and proposal manager Jim Boyce. Subcontractors Barry Scairono of Scairono Martinez Architects and Kent Liliedahl of Aegis Construction round out the project team.