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## **Corps awards \$22.3M for community center, barracks renovations and general instruction building at Fort Benning**

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – More construction is on the way at Fort Benning, following two recent contract awards by the [Savannah District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#), totaling \$22.3 million.

“The Corps of Engineers is managing a \$148 million project to improve utility infrastructure and facilities in preparation for the arrival of the Fort Knox Armor School by September 2011,” said Corps’ Senior Project Manager Joe Savage. “These recent contracts are part of the ongoing process to accommodate Soldiers training at the school, while also enhancing the structural integrity of Fort Benning.”

The Corps selected Lifecycle Construction Services, LLC, of Washington, D.C., to design and construct a 20,000-square-foot Soldier community center at the Reception Station Complex, located in the Sand Hill area of Fort Benning. The design, which also features a fitness room, compares to similar community centers in the private sector community. The \$6.5 million Lifecycle Construction contract also includes several renovations to the existing Reception Station Barracks, building 3035. Under the terms of the contract, Lifecycle Construction will renovate the existing laundry, storage and dayroom areas for new laundry and storage, as well as re-roof the entire facility. Work on the renovations portion of the contract is scheduled between October and May. The scope of work gives the company 540 calendar days to complete the project after the Corps’ issuance of a Notice to Proceed in coming weeks.

Receiving a second contract at Fort Benning is Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, of Baltimore, Md., for the design and construction of a \$15.8 million General Instruction Building (GIB). This facility accompanies a \$32.5 million Vehicle Maintenance Instruction Facility that was awarded to Carothers Construction of Oxford, Miss., in July. The 110,000-square-foot GIB will provide additional classroom space for Armor School Soldiers and staff who will use the Vehicle Maintenance Instruction Facility. Construction of the GIB is expected to last 450 calendar days and will be administered by the Corps’ Kelly Hill/Harmony Church Resident Office at Fort Benning.

Like all Army construction, the community center and instruction building will satisfy Silver rating criteria established by the [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED\)](#) rating system, in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council standards.

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