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Fort Benning to get \$7.9 million Central Issue Facility

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Soldiers will soon benefit from a new facility to garner their government issued gear while transitioning in and out of Fort Benning, courtesy of the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District](#).

The \$7.9 million Central Issue Facility contract, awarded to Anthony & Gordon Construction Inc., of Knoxville, Tenn., includes the construction of a 40,000 square foot, standardized contract facility that will store all of the mandatory uniform and equipment soldiers need for training and deployment. It is slated for completion in May 2013.

The single-story, customized warehouse lined with high shelves covering approximately two-thirds of the floor, will store equipment items such as jackets, helmets, liners, boot and gloves. The remaining space will be set aside for administrative offices and counters for issuing the gear.

Located in the Sand Hill area of Fort Benning, the center will be in close proximity to the basic and advanced training buildings. These buildings house new and transitioning soldiers the new facility will support. Soldiers preparing for or returning from deployment will also make up the 7,500 soldiers this facility is designed to serve.

“The building will allow Fort Benning soldiers to pick up and return field equipment in a facility designed for that purpose,” said Mark Puhalla, project manager for the Corps Savannah District. “Presently several ad-hoc buildings and tents are used to perform this.”

Like all Army construction, the new facility will satisfy Silver-level criteria established by the [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED\)](#) rating system, in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council standards. Eco-friendly features include the use of energy efficient building materials, lighting and ventilation systems.

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