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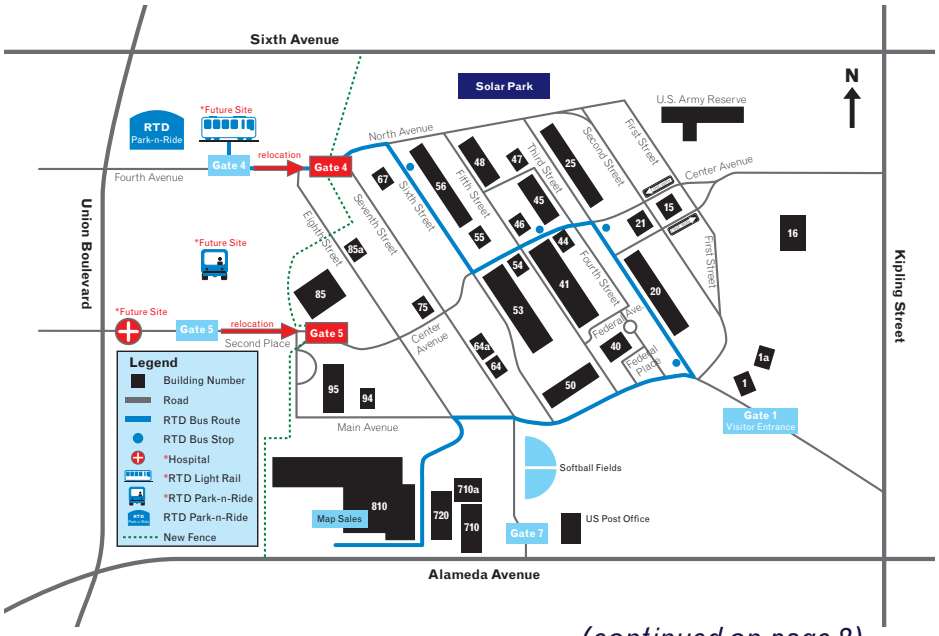
Spotlight

Federal Center Redevelopment Update

The increased construction activities on the west side of the Federal Center signal the continued bustle of redevelopment on the site.

Since breaking ground last summer, the construction of the new St. Anthony Medical Campus, just south of Center Avenue, continues on schedule. Foundations were recently completed, and structural work is evident along the Lakewood skyline. The main Orthopaedic Specialty Hospital is on target to open the second quarter of 2010, with completion of the full medical campus to follow in late 2011. The hospital and its contractors are busy completing environmental remediation on the southwest corner of the Federal Center, just north of Alameda Avenue. This work is being done under the direction of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and GSA. It is necessary for official environmental clearance and title transfer of this parcel. Additional information on the new hospital project can be found at www.stanthonycentral.org.

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is also starting work on the West Corridor light rail system and station at the Federal Center. Scheduled for April 2009, the western boundary fence line of the Federal Center will move further east from Center Avenue north to 6th Avenue. This allows for the construction of the new light rail system and Routt Street. The Gate 4 entrance will be relocated east to the vicinity of North Avenue and 7th Street, with a new intersection designed. In approximately April 2009, the permanent Gate 5 for the Federal Center will be installed just east of the current temporary location. Eighth Street



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will be closed from the Building 85 parking lot to North Avenue. By second quarter 2010, when the new hospital opens, the RTD Cold Spring Park n' Ride bus facility will be relocated and operating at the new site just north of Center Avenue. The West Corridor light rail system, including the Federal Center Station, is slated to be open in early 2013. Over the next four years, there will be a lot of construction activity in this area as RTD prepares the site, and begins staging and construction of this exciting transit project. Additional information on RTD's West Corridor project can be found at www.rtd-fastracks.com.

Finally, since completion of the new Federal Center Master Site Plan and Environmental Impact Statement almost one year ago, GSA continues to gear up for implementation of the 20+ year redevelopment plan for the site. GSA's regional and national offices are working closely on an implementation analysis and strategy for the Master Plan, to be completed in April 2009. GSA continues to work closely with the City of Lakewood, RTD and the hospital to ensure long-term compatibility of all on-going projects and to explore future partnering opportunities on the site.

Despite the slowdown in the economy, exciting progress on the Federal Center continues. As gate relocation and other events occur, GSA will continue to notify and work closely with tenant agency representatives. For additional information on the Federal Center redevelopment, please contact Lisa Wild, GSA Senior Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 x. 5039 or lisa.wild@gsa.gov.

Environmental News

At the Speed of Light

Sunlight travels to the earth in approximately eight minutes from 93,000,000 miles away, at 186,282 miles per second. Colorado is perfectly aligned to harness the power of the sun as we experience more than 300 days of sunshine every year. The Denver Federal Center (DFC) Solar Park continues to draw visitors and practitioners from all over the country to quench their curiosity.

The concept of solar energy is not new. History tells us that Da Vinci predicted a solar industrialization as far back as 1447. Colorado voters were the first in the nation to pass a statewide renewable energy requirement in 2004, and GSA took advantage of Amendment 37 passing. Construction of the park was complete in January 2008 and production started on January 3. The solar park's energy amounted to 3% of the total energy consumed at the DFC in 2008. It is producing 13% more energy than initially anticipated.

While the solar park is certainly one of the larger, more visible renewable energy projects taking place at the DFC, other green projects are underway such as

- A centralized recycle yard for construction waste stream recycling
- The installation of a sustainable groundscape at solar park
- An integrated irrigation control system with central tie and web monitoring and metering for DFC
- A solar PV car port to charge the Neighborhood Electrical Vehicles used on site

For more information about the solar park, go to www.gsa.gov/dfcsolarpark. One of many things you'll discover is a tool that will give you daily energy production rates and greenhouse gasses avoided.

Recycling 50,000 Pounds of Granite

The GSA will be removing three underground well logging "calibration silos" operated by the USGS this spring. These silos have been used to calibrate tools that are lowered down wells to determine what type of rocks the well has penetrated. These tools are used in oil wells, deep water wells, and in wells used to find mineral deposits. Historic reports indicate that they were installed in the 1970s for public use at a cost of over $2,500,000.

If you haven't seen these silos, they are located along the western side of the Denver Federal Center, south of North Avenue. They only stick up about 3 feet but they reach 30 feet below ground and are filled with granite cylinders that are eight feet in diameter and weigh up to 50,000 pounds. Each cylinder has a hole in the center in which rock logging tools are lowered. The original plan was to crush these blocks but through USGS exhaustive effort they were able to find a DOE facility that will "recycle" and reinstall the silos. This spring, GSA will bring in a large crane north of the hospital construction site to help remove the silos.

Let's Talk Trash: The New and Improved Recycling program for the DFC

Over the last year our tenants have had many new opportunities to recycle with added services provided by GSA. We have received many compliments on the newest programs and continue to work toward reducing the amount of waste generated on the Federal Center.

The new programs include

- Battery recycling
- Single stream recycling
- Electronics recycling collection events throughout the year

We have also increased cardboard recycling by adding bailers at Buildings 41, 67 and 25.

Battery recycling
We placed collection containers at all occupied buildings on the DFC for spent batteries. Employees are encouraged to bring batteries from home as well from office use to be recycled. In 2008, we recycled over 300 pounds of batteries. Since October 2008, we recycled over 400 pounds of batteries.

Single stream recycling
We placed over 17 white dumpsters on the Federal Center in various locations. The single stream program allows for the collection of plastics, glass, paper, cardboard, and metals together in one container. Employees are encouraged to bring recyclables from home for drop off at any one of our on-campus locations. Building 41 is currently running a pilot program to collect drink containers and additional non-paper recycling materials from office areas to be disposed of in a convenient container located at the loading doc. Our goal is to provide single stream collection to all buildings on the Federal Center.

Electronics collection events
An annual electronics collection event is held each June for all employees and tenants on campus. Our next event is June 4, 2009, and we anticipate recycling more materials than last year. In FY2008 we collected over 23 tons of electronics material. Our recycling vendor this year is GRX. They are an end-of-use recycler and dismantle all electronics in their Denver facility before being sent to U.S. based companies for remanufacture. No electronics are sent overseas.

Cardboard bailers
Bailers have been installed at Buildings 41, 67 and 25. This allows us to collect more cardboard in a neat convenient bale. Baled cardboard retains a higher market value than loose cardboard and is in higher demand than cardboard that is not baled. We anticipate adding bailers at other buildings in the near future.

For additional information, contact Marion Buntyn at 303.236.8000 x. 5252 or marion.buntyn@gsa.gov.

What's Happening on the DFC?

"Educating, Inspiring and Transforming Future Federal Leaders"

Young Government Leaders (YGL) is a professional organization of young men and women employed by the federal government. Their mission is to educate, inspire, and transform the federal workforce—present and future. Their membership consists of over a thousand young feds at more than 30 different federal departments and agencies located throughout the United States—and it continues to grow.

The organization serves as a conduit to bring together young federal workers from across the government for personal development activities, networking and social events, and professional seminars. Membership is free. There are many ways to get involved with YGL! Please contact Beth Schubert at Elizabeth_Schubert@doioig.gov or go to http://www.younggovernmentleaders.org for more information.

DFC Toddler Wing Improvement Update

The DFC Toddler Center will be undergoing some improvements. GSA will be repairing the cement flooring in the toddler wing of the daycare due to uneven settling. Temporary fixes have been made, but a more permanent solution is needed. After completing various core samples and soil tests, a design was developed by structural engineers to correct the problem. GSA is currently working on the award for the construction, estimated to begin in April. Once construction begins, the project should be completed within 160 days. For more information, please contact Michael Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 x. 5059.

Taking Care of Your Roadways

GSA will be working on road and parking area maintenance during the late spring to early summer months. Maintenance will include crack sealing, striping of DFC roads and parking lots, and pothole repairs. For your convenience, the majority of work will be completed outside normal business hours. Additionally, GSA will be working on sidewalk improvements during mid to late summer months in order to replace damaged areas. During this time, some sidewalks may be closed off for repair. For more information, contact Michael Golenda, Project Manager, at 303-236-8000 x. 5136.

Building 56 Hallway Enclosure Project

GSA is working on enclosing Building 56's second floor corridors to have more of an office environment. GSA contracted the design of this project out to an architect and engineer firm and will be receiving the 95% design submittals soon. Once complete, GSA will be selecting a contractor to complete the work. For more information, please contact Michael Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 x. 5059.

FY09 Building Demolition Plan

GSA is working toward updating the Denver Federal Center Campus by developing our FY2009 building demolition plan. Currently, demolition estimates and scope of works for Buildings 2a, 14, 49a, 49b, 49c, 49d and 47 are being developed to determine which buildings will be torn down this year. Once this information has been completed, these buildings will be torn down based on budget approval. For more information, please contact Michael Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 x. 5059.

One Person's Trash is Another Person's Treasure

Help Clever Kids Learning Center celebrate "The Week of the Young Child' and "Earth Day" starting April 20-25, 2009, by participating in an aluminum can drive. It's easy, just go to the front of Building 64 and deposit your can donations in specially marked containers located in the semi-circular driveway.

The proceeds will be used to purchase a tree that the children will plant on the center's playground and learn to nurture. This is only one of the centers efforts to get children involved in recycling and caring for the earth.

No More Excuses: Join the DFC Wellness Center

Take advantage of a non-intimidating workout environment, with minimal crowds that's close to work, and a reasonable price. You may discover that the Wellness Center is the perfect place for you to meet your fitness needs!

Conveniently located in Building 75 on 7th and Center Street, the Wellness Center has 20 cardio machines, free weights, a Smith machine, cable crossover, squat rack, adjustable benches and Cybex machines. Additionally, there is a large aerobics studio with a variety of fitness classes!

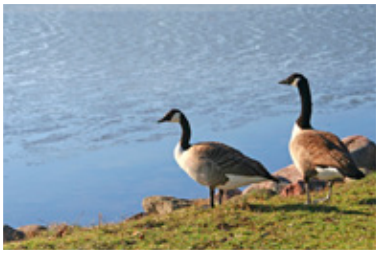
The Wellness Center is a key card access facility, open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week! Federal employees, family members over the age of 16, contractors, and military veterans are welcome.

You may join on a month-to-month basis at a low rate of $21 dollars per month or save $30 and prepay for six months of use. For more information, please contact Kiel Hovland, Fitness Facility Manager at 303.236.6911 or kielhov@aol.com.

New Neighbors On the Way

GSA and EPA have been working diligently on the design for the new EPA Triage Center. This mail handling facility will be located on the northeast corner of Building 25. Now that 100% of the design has been approved for the 2,500 square foot building, GSA will be awarding the construction in May or June of this year. Once awarded, construction will start immediately and should be completed in approximately one year. For more information, please contact Michael Alley, Project Manager, at 303.236.8000 x. 5059.

Nesting Geese on the Denver Federal Center



Geese will begin building nests soon throughout the Denver Federal Center (DFC) Campus. As you are probably aware, every wild animal must be treated with respect for nature. No one should attempt to touch, handle, or feed wild animals without the proper training or a wildlife rehabilitation permit. Furthermore, because geese are migratory birds, they are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. That means possessing, transporting for other than medical reasons, breeding, selling, or harming a goose, her eggs, or nest is a federal offense.

Geese mate for life and maintain a strong family bond. Nesting geese, in particular, may be territorial. Approaching a goose near her nest may elicit defensive behavior as the goose attempts to protect her young. If you encounter such behavior, you should move away and keep a safe distance.

As geese follow their natural instincts to defend their nests, they can be intimidating. They may hiss, chase, and nip in an attempt to scare away intruders that appear threatening. Although potentially frightening, these encounters are rarely dangerous and can be prevented.

We ask that employees avoid nesting geese as they should avoid all geese at the DFC. For questions or comments, contact your GSA Building Management Team or Michael Golenda at 303.236.8000 x. 5136.

Upcoming Events

Networking With Your Peers

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) is a non-profit professional organization of persons involved in planning government meetings and those individuals who supply services to government planners. SGMP provides educational programs, conferences and networking opportunities.

All federal and state planners are invited to attend one of SGMP's monthly networking events free of charge. For more information about SGMP, contact Kimberly Pease, Rocky Mountain Chapter President at 720.963.3444 or kimberly.pease@fhwa.dot.gov.

Upcoming events schedule:

- March 2009: No SGMP meeting, MIC Conference and Tradeshow, March 18, 2009, Denver Convention Center
- April 28, 2009: Meeting Industry Professional Certification, Doubletree Denver North
- May 13 -15, 2009: SGMP National Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
- May 26, 2009: Contracts and Liabilities, Embassy Suites
- June 23, 2009: Annual Awards Gala, Sheraton Denver Southeast
- July 28, 2009: Committee Highlights, Silent Auction, Millennium Harvest House Boulder
- August 25, 2009: Green Meeting Initiatives, Loews Hotel
- September 22, 2009: TBA, The Golden Hotel
- October 9 – 11, 2009: Fall Education Conference, Colorado Springs
- November 17, 2009: Technology Trends, Radisson Longmont
- December 8, 2009: Holiday Event, Hampton Denver West

GSA Expo 2009 - Free Training Conference

June 9 – 11, 2009, marks the 15th Annual International Products and Services Expo in San Antonio, Texas. GSA Expo 2009 not only offers a free training conference, but also vendor exposition specifically designed to benefit all levels of government employees and military members who make or influence procurement decisions. This one-of-a-kind government event offers a wealth of advantages and benefits including

- Building your professional knowledge or fulfill your acquisition training requirements with three days of FREE Continuous Learning Point (CLP) certified training;
- Learning about the latest acquisition trends and innovations;
- Networking with hundreds of GSA and other agency experts;
- Meeting with GSA contract vendors providing specialized technical expertise; and
- Bringing your national or regional staff together for a meeting in one of our complimentary meeting rooms while attending Expo 2009.

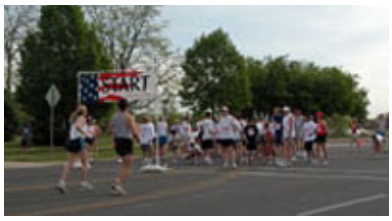
Plan now and register for the Expo 2009 at expo.gsa.gov.
All instructors involved in the program are federal program experts, and the training is CLP-certified. Expo offers excellent opportunities for developing your acquisition knowledge while meeting your annual continuing-education requirements under the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) and Clinger-Cohen Act (CCA).

Training topics include

- Professional procurement
- Green solutions
- State and local customer solutions
- Product and service solutions
- Technology solutions
- Travel, transportation and personal property solutions
- Building solutions
- Business support

Fed Cup Race

What: The Federal Cup 5 Kilometer Road Race is the oldest consecutively run fitness event exclusively for federal government employees in the United States, launched in 1983.



When: Saturday, May 16, 2009
8:15 5K Race begins
8:20 5K Walk begins
9:00 1K Kids Fun Run begins

Where: Denver Federal Center Gate 1

Cost: Entry Fee: $10 ($15 on race day)
Kids Fun Run: Free! (Application is required)

Who: Fellow federal partners, friends and family.

To register, visit www.active.com or www.fedcup5k.com

Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day

Mark you calendars for Thursday, April 23rd!

Ready to "Break" Your Routine With a Game of Tennis?

Who doesn't like to flex their competitive side occasionally? Here's an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, meet new friends, and get active.

Since 1965, the Federal Employees Tennis Association (FETA) has sponsored an informal summer tennis program for federal employees in the west Denver metro area. Their summer season consists of both singles and doubles leagues, followed by a double-elimination tournament in the fall. A season typically consists of singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles play. All single's groups are co-ed.

Registration for the 2009 season begins April 1, 2009. The regular season starts May 1, 2009. If you're interested in joining FETA, please visit www.fetatennis.org or email Paul Carlson, the FETA organizer, at feta123@fetatennis.org.

No Gym Necessary: Bike to Work Day!

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began promoting June as Colorado Bike Month in 1998. In 2003, CDOT asked the state legislature to officially recognize the fourth Wednesday in June as Colorado Bike to Work Day. This year, it falls on June 17th!

GSA is pursuing a joint effort with all of the agencies at the DFC to provide participation in this event. Sponsors have donated refreshments for DFC participants in the past and look to continue this year. For more information, contact Michael Golenda at 303.236.8000 x. 5136.

Upcoming Events

Earth Day - More Than Just a Day, It's a Week!

2009 EARTH DAY

TODAY. TOMORROW. ALWAYS.

Earth Day is today, tomorrow and always. That's why GSA and the Denver Federal Center encourage you to participate in this year's Earth Day activities.

The Earth Day Expo is **Wednesday, April 29**. It will be located in Building 41's Remington Arms Room. Enjoy a zero-waste BBQ in the front of the building!

- **Host** an Earth Day Expo booth, at no cost, to promote your agency's eco-friendly accomplishments and practices. Contact Andrew.Bond@gsa.gov at 303.236.8000 x. 3026 to arrange a booth, donate raffle prizes, or with general expo questions.
- **Attend** the Expo and learn how you can use green products and services to accomplish your agency's mission!
- **Participate** in a Media Exchange and Denim Drop-off on Expo Day at Building 41! Recycle your old CD, DVDs and books in exchange for new media. Get rid of your old jeans and put them to good use! Your denim will go to Habitat for Humanity and be used as economical insulation for residential homes.

Save the date for these activities and keep a look out for fliers and other event reminders. Be sure to bookmark our web site www.gsa.gov/dfcearthday for all things Earth Day 2009!

For questions, please contact Jonna.Larson@gsa.gov at 303.236.8000 x. 3239.

Welcome to the DFC

GSA welcomes the following tenants onto the Denver Federal Center:

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board will move into Building 20 this March.

The Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety, will be relocating from Building 20 to Building 25 by April.

Recycle Your Electronics

GSA is hosting an electronics recycling event on Thursday, June 4, 2009, on the south side of Building 67 at the Denver Federal Center starting at 8 a.m. GSA will be accepting both personal home office electronics and federal excess property.

Remember to coordinate your federal excess property with your Asset Property Manager. There is a process involved that can take up to 28 days. After this process, if your equipment has been determined to have no resale value, agencies are encouraged to fill out a GSA Abandon and Destruction document to transfer the equipment to GSA for disposal.

If you have any questions and or need any additional information about this process, please contact:

Marion Buntyn, Regional Recycling Coordinator
GSA, Office of Facilities Management
Phone: 303.236.8000 x. 5252
Email: marion.buntyn@gsa.gov

For GSA Excess Property Assistance contact:
Pat Honley
Phone: 303.236.7696
Email: pat.honley@gsa.gov

Historic Preservation Event

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 13th from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Join GSA at the DFC Museum and celebrate Historic Preservation Month. A special traveling exhibit will be on display. RSVP is not necessary. Details will soon be available at www.gsa.gov/dfcmuseum or contact Andrea Kramer at 303.236.8000 x. 2253.

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