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Duluth Border Patrol Receives a Boost in Accomplishing its Mission

U.S. Border Patrol opens a new facility in Duluth

Duluth, MN (December 8, 2009) - The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and SBC Archway, LLC are pleased to announce that a grand opening ceremony for the new Duluth Border Patrol Station took place Tuesday, December 8, at 1:00 p.m. The event was held at the new facility, 4431 Endeavor Drive. Guest speakers included Rosa Nelly Hernandez, Chief Patrol Agent, Grand Forks Sector, John Donohoe, Patrol Agent in Charge Duluth Border Patrol Station, Daniel Fanning, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Al Franken, Jerry Fallos, Regional Outreach Director for U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, Dave Boe, Staff Assistant for Congressman Jim Oberstar, Mark Aukamp, Managing Member of SBC Archway Development, and Susan Campbell, Grant Coordinator for the City of Duluth.

Customs and Border Protection and GSA, which is the federal government's real estate manager, are partnering to provide a new facility capable of housing up to 50 Border Patrol agents. The building will consist of approximately 13,000 square feet of office space and approximately 18,000 square feet of garage and storage space. Construction began in October 2008. This new facility will enable Border Patrol agents to effectively prevent the entry of terrorists and their weapons of terrorism into the United States, while maintaining their traditional mission to detect, apprehend and prevent illegal aliens, narcotics and other contraband from crossing the border, as well as assisting local law enforcement agencies in the communities that they serve.

This new facility serves as an example of the positive inter-agency partnership between GSA, the Department of Homeland Security, and CBP, where each one collectively is working for a common goal—to give America's men and women who serve on the frontline on our nation's borders, the best resources and support to accomplish their mission.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.



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