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New Home Being Built for Navy Warfare Development Command

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NORFOLK — Just west of Gate Three on Piersey Street, Naval Station Norfolk, there is a three-story building under construction. This is a Base Realignment and Closure Military Construction project to construct an administrative building for the Navy Warfare Development Command that is being relocated to Naval Station Norfolk from Newport, R.I.

The Navy Warfare Development Center provides Concepts and Doctrine analysis and is the Maritime Battle Center for the Navy.

The approximately 88,900 square foot building consists of executive and administrative office space with a secure lobby and quarterdeck, a flag suite, auditorium, technical library, maritime battle center lab, sensitive compartmented information area (SCIF), simulation equipment storage, high bay space for a modeling and simulation laboratory, concept research laboratory, NMCI equipment space, and locker rooms.

The project also includes construction of two parking lots for command members.

When completed, the building will be LEED Silver certified.

Building construction is scheduled for completion in October of 2009 with building occupancy scheduled for early April of 2010 after several months of furniture and equipment installation.

This Design/Build project is valued at approximately \$26 million.

It was awarded in September 2007 and the Prime Contractor is Tesoro Corporation of Virginia Beach, Va.

Employees of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Mid-Atlantic, who are playing a vital part in

the development of this project are Kelly Wood, Project Manager; Rick Hoffman, Project Architect; Jack Olmstead, Construction Manager; Dave DuPree, Engineering Technician; and Pam Hamlin, Contract Specialist.

As an integral part of the NAVFAC enterprise, NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic manages the planning, design, and construction of shore facilities for the U.S. Navy from Maine to North Carolina.