



A Joint-Agency FASTC Construction Newsletter

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Welcome!

We welcome you to our first issue of the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) Construction Newsletter. Our goal is to provide you with routine updates during our construction phases until completion. These issues will be available through our project website at www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/

FASTC Program Overview

The U.S. Department of State Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) will establish a hard skills training center in Nottoway County, Virginia. Once completed, this facility will be dedicated to providing hard skills security and life saving training to the foreign affairs community. The FASTC site will include classrooms, administrative offices, and simulation labs; driving tracks, a mock urban environment, firing ranges, explosive ranges, a fitness center, and the infrastructure appropriate for a secure facility. FASTC will consolidate existing dispersed hard skills security training functions into a suitable location that can provide effective, efficient training specifically designed to enable foreign affairs personnel to operation in today's perilous overseas environment.

Master Construction Schedule

FASTC construction is being completed through three phases.

2015 – Feb 2017 – Phase 1 (Design Package 1)

- 1/29/16 – Approval to proceed with tree clearing
- 2/24/16 – Approval to resume all activities
- 4/1/16 – Phase 1 contractor fully remobilized
- 4/14/16 – Completion of all tree clearing

2016 – Aug 2018 – Phase 2 (Design Packages 2 & 3)

- 2/29/16 – Phase 2 Solicitation published
- 5/10/16 – Bids received for Phase 2 construction
- 8/25/16 – Award Contract for Phase 2 construction

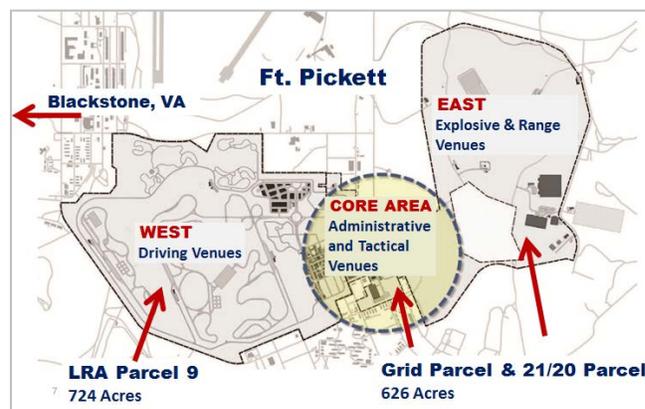
2017 – Feb 2019 – Phase 3 (Design Packages 4 & 5)

Estimated substantial completion is March 2019

Phase 1 Construction Update

On January 29, 2016, GSA, working with DOS, notified its contractors to begin tree clearing at the future site of the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center in Blackstone, Virginia, on property at Fort Pickett; tree clearing was completed by April 14, 2016. Phase 1 design was 100% completed in 2015 and included five of FASTC hard-skills training venues: Mock Urban Tactical Training Area, Tactical Maze, Rappel Tower, Explosives Demonstration Range and a Live Fire Shoot House. These venues are the basis for the Construction Phase 1 contract.

On February 25, 2016, GSA, working with DOS, notified its contractors to begin construction activities for FASTC at Fort Pickett. A FASTC construction fence was installed for security and safety reasons around the limits of disturbance (LOD) for each venue in Phase 1. Construction contractors have been making progress on the Mock Urban Tactical Training Area, the Live Fire Shoot House and Explosives Demonstration Range. At this time, 15% of construction for Phase 1 has been completed.



Legend

Top: Master Plan for FASTC
Above Left: Mock Urban Tactical
Above: Live Fire Shoot House
Left: Explosives Demonstration Pad