

## A Joint-Agency FASTC Construction Newsletter

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The U.S. Department of State Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) is building a hard skills training center in Nottoway County, Virginia. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide routine updates during our construction phases until FASTC is completed. These issues are available through our project website at [www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/](http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/)

## Master Construction Schedule

FASTC construction is being completed through three construction contracts. Contractors began construction activities on 2/25/16 and it is progressing on schedule. Overall project substantial completion is anticipated in March 2019.

### 2015 – Feb 2017 – Contract 01

Oct. 2016 – Structural steel completed on Live Fire Shoot House

Nov. 2016 – Completed all concrete foundations and slab on grade activities

Nov. 2016 – Start curb, gutters and sidewalks for the Mock Urban Tactical Training Area

### 2016 – Aug 2018 – Contract 02

Aug. 2016 – Contract for Contract 02 construction awarded

Nov. 2016 – Contract 02 mobilization complete

Nov. 2016 – Start grading and excavation activities

Nov. 2016 – Start telecom / duct bank

### 2017 – Feb 2019 – Contract 03

March 2019 – Estimated substantial completion

## Contract 01 Construction Updates

FASTC Contract 01 contractors have been making considerable progress over the past few months on bringing FASTC training venues to life. The Mock Urban Tactical training venue is taking shape with more “urban” block segments and walls built, interior and exterior stairways and handrails installed, various masonry work throughout and progressing with roof installation. The two-story Tactical Maze has been progressing with framing activities, installation of the exterior wall and structural steel.

### Contract 01 Construction Updates-continued

The steel structure for the Live Fire Shoot House has been completed, and the installation of the Shoot House roof is now underway. On the Explosives Demonstration Range, contractors have completed grading, excavation and began placing asphalt. The foundation is complete on the Rappel Tower and the structural concrete masonry unit (CMU) is in progress. Site utilities (stormwater, electric and lighting) continue as on-going activities. At this time, 52% of construction for Contract 01 has been completed.



**Photo captions:**

Above: Mock Urban Tactical Training Area-Aerial View

Below: Tactical Maze-(Background) and Static Trainer Pad (Foreground)



**Photo captions:**

Below Left: Rappel Tower – Masonry work in progress

Below Right: Explosives Demonstration Range — Placing Asphalt



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## Contract 02 Construction Updates

On 8/25/16, GSA awarded Mortenson Construction of Minneapolis, MN as the construction contractor for FASTC Construction Contract 02. The services for Construction Contract 02 includes building the following six FASTC hard-skills training venues:

- Mock Embassy
- Tactical Training Building
- Administrative & Classroom Building
- Two High Speed Anti-Terrorism Driving Courses
- Unimproved Road Course
- Post-Blast Training Range

Additionally, a Containerized Shooting Range will be placed on site. Lastly, Contract 02 includes building two support facilities:

- Vehicle Maintenance Shop
- Central Ammunition & Explosive Storage

Contractors have installed an on-site construction office trailer complex and completed mobilization. Crews began construction activities on 11/8/16. A FASTC construction fence is being installed for security and safety reasons around the limits of disturbance for all of the above facilities. Contract 02 is currently focused on site work activities such as leveling the ground—or grading—at two different areas of the site: demolition services and site preparation has begun for the Administrative and Classroom Building and for the Tactical Training Building venues. Tree removal for venues that have a wetlands permit and excavation services have begun.

**Photo caption:**  
Right: Demolition started at the site for the future Administrative and Classroom Building



## FASTC Site Plan

The FASTC Site Plan (at left) shows the general areas where the hard-skills training venues are currently being built for Contract 01 and Contract 02. Construction management services are essential for large scale projects like FASTC where multiple construction contractors are on the same site. AECOM of Virginia Beach, VA has been providing Construction Management as Agent (CMA) and Commissioning Services since the Design Phase for the FASTC Ft. Pickett, VA site. AECOM focuses on numerous comprehensive facets of the construction process, including ongoing site communication, safety, security, and circulation of deliveries and construction vehicles on site.

## FASTC Contractors Team

DOS and GSA are completing the FASTC Project through a partnership with the following contractors:

- **Cardno**, Environmental / NEPA Services
- **Kieran Timberlake**, Architectural Services
- **AECOM** Construction Management as Agent (CMA) and Commissioning Services
- **Hensel Phelps**, General Contractor for Contract 01 Construction Services
- **Mortenson Construction**, General Contractor for Contract 02 Construction Services
- **Future - TBD**, General Contractor for Contract 03 Construction Services

