

U.S. EMBASSY PARAMARIBO, SURINAME

CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT FACT SHEET

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ZGF Architects LLP

Architect Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP

General Construction Contractor BL Harbert International, LLC

Total Office Space 5,348 gross square meters

Total Project Budget \$164 Million

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The new Embassy will be located on an 8-acre site on the corner of Kristalstraat and Kleinestraat in the Morgenstond development.
- The complex will include a two-story chancery/office building, three access pavilions, maintenance shops, a warehouse, and recreation facilities.
- The new Embassy will provide a state-of-the-art, environmentally sustainable workplace for over 100 employees.
- Construction commenced in January 2014 and project completion is anticipated in August 2016.

DESIGN

- The design draws from the natural beauty of Suriname, with a lush and natural landscape that brings in the colors and textures of the country to complement the modern design of the new Chancery.
- The Chancery design responds to the intense sun and rain with large overhangs, sunshades, and extensive covered outdoor areas.
- The materials of the new buildings draw from the color, texture, and rhythm of the traditional architecture with a mix of white and wood tones in the horizontal siding accented by the stainless steel of the canopies and window systems.
- The connection to the local environment and culture will be extended to the interior of the building with local hardwoods, vibrant colors, and carved wood accents, while maintaining strong visual connections to the landscaped campus.

SUSTAINABILITY

- The project is targeting the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Silver certification.

- The project is designed to reduce municipal water use by nearly 100%. Captured rainwater is harvested, filtered, treated, and then used for both potable and non-potable water demands. An estimated 932 cubic meters of rainwater will be captured and reused annually.
- The Embassy is designed to reduce energy costs by 22% annually from the baseline case (ASHRAE 90.1-2007). This is accomplished through the use of high efficiency indoor lighting with occupancy sensors, LED outdoor lighting, a white roof, and variable frequency drives for pumps, fans, and motors.
- The building is calculated to use 35% less water than the performance requirements of EAct 1992. This is accomplished through the use of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures.

INTERIORS



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CONSTRUCTION

- An estimated 600 Surinamese workers will be involved in construction of the project.
- The embassy will be built with materials having high quantities of recycled content.

CONSTRUCTION FACTS

- 2,000 tons of reinforcing steel
- 337 new trees planted
- 22,000 cubic meters of concrete
- 400 shipment containers of materials

ART

- The permanent art collection will include works by contemporary American and Surinamese artists in both the interior and exterior spaces.
- The works will include a variety of media such as paint, photography, textiles, paper, and steel.

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