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GTC Begins Construction on a New Animal Shelter in Denver

Golden Triangle Construction (GTC) broke ground last week on a new Denver Municipal Animal Shelter. One of the oldest in Colorado, the current shelter started out as a dog pound built in 1972, but over the years, the shelter's services have expanded to the point that a new facility is critical for continuing to meet the needs of the growing animal population.

The new animal shelter, designed by Animal Arts, is being funded by the Better Denver Bond Program. The current shelter does not meet almost 30 local, state and federal regulatory requirements for a municipal animal shelter, but the new facility will be state-of-the-art and more than twice the size of the current shelter at 36,040 square feet. So much new space will mean over 300 animals can be cared for at any given time. The site, located along the S. Platte River at 1271 West Bayaud, will also house a barn, which will make it possible for the shelter to accommodate more uncommon animals like horses, cows, pigs and chickens.

The new Denver Municipal Animal Shelter will also be an eco-responsible facility, and GTC's project team is working with City and County of Denver officials to ensure that the new shelter will achieve LEED® Silver Certification or possibly LEED® Gold. Because a chemical plant once operated on the site, extra precautions must be taken to rehabilitate the site and ensure any potential contaminants in the soil do not reach nearby storm water reservoirs. Construction of the new facility is expected to be complete by May 2011.

GTC and Animal Arts are an experienced team that has worked on other projects together including a remodel and addition project currently underway at the Denver Dumb Friend's League Buddy Center in Castle Rock, Colorado. They also worked together on the Longmont Humane Society project completed in 2008, which won the *Award of Excellence* from the American Concrete Institute, Rocky Mountain Chapter (Commercial/Private over \$5M category).

GTC has been a general contractor in the Front Range commercial construction market since 1977 and is a proud member of the U.S. Green Building Council. For more information about GTC or about GTC's Green Building Program, please call Dennis Richard at (303) 772-4051 or email drichard@gtc1.net.

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