

S. M. WILSON AND AWA BUSINESS

The joint venture team of S. M. Wilson and AWA Business Corporation has been selected as the best value contractor by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District to build a new 115,000 square foot elementary school in the Ft. Knox Historic District at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. The AWA Wilson JV, a SBE 8(a), HubZone approved Mentor-Protégé joint venture, will provide general contracting services for the \$32 million project. The new school will replace and consolidate two older elementary schools and accommodate 635 students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

The new school is considered one of the United States Department of Defense Education Activity's (DoDEA) first 21st Century Education schools. According to DoDEA, 21st Century Teaching and Learning is a student-centered approach to learning. It builds on Responsive and Inclusive Teaching to engage students through technology and the environment so that students create richer meaning from their learning.

The single-story complex will house learning hubs with flexible studios, a central commons area with performance stage, indoor and outdoor classrooms, a gymnasium, specialist rooms, music and art rooms, a learning impaired room, teacher work rooms, counseling areas, an information center, administrative areas, supply and storage areas and state-of-the-art kitchen and cafeteria. Designed to achieve LEED Silver Certification, the facility will include high-efficiency building systems, renewable energy technologies and sustainable features such as a geothermal heat pump system, solar water heaters, daylighting features and energy monitoring and control systems.

Construction will begin in June 2014 and is expected to be completed by November 2015. Architect for the project is RS&H,

who will also provide construction administration in support of the Louisville District.

S.M. Wilson established its Federal and Military (MILCON) division business group in 2010 and has been awarded more than \$150 million in federal government projects.

Founded in 1996, AWA is a certified SBE (small business enterprise), 8a and HubZone contractor in Ohio, with offices in Ohio and Missouri. AWA has been engaged in construction projects with clients including U.S. EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority.

S.M. Wilson is a full-service construction management, design/build and general contracting firm with headquarters in St. Louis and Rollins Construction Company, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of S. M. Wilson, in Indianapolis. S. M. Wilson is one of the largest general construction and construction management firms in the St. Louis area. The company posted \$250 million in 2013 revenues, and ranks 232nd in Engineering News-Record's 2013 list of Top 400 commercial contractors nationwide. For more information, visit www.smwilson.com.