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Federal Parking Garage in Hato Rey Recognized as Among the Best in Public Architecture

*GSA Design Award Winners Showcase Federal Government's
Commitment to Sustainable and Innovative Design*

PUERTO RICO – The new federal parking garage currently under construction in Hato Rey was recently selected to receive one of the U.S. General Service Administration's 2010 Design Awards. GSA's biennial Design Awards recognize the best in public architecture and civilian federal workplaces including land ports of entry, federal courthouses, and office buildings.

The Design Award winners are selected by a jury of private sector design and building professionals. This year's 11 award winners showcase the federal government's commitment to cutting-edge architectural design and its focus on sustainability. The federal parking garage was recognized with an On-the-Boards Architecture Citation for its design and planning.

"Our Northeast and Caribbean Region is very proud of the honors this project has received, and what they speak to in terms of how we are delivering new federal facilities that not only meet and serve the needs of our client agencies, but also enhance their local communities with their innovative, sustainable designs. This is truly a win-win-win all around," said [GSA Regional Administrator Denise L. Pease](#).

"GSA is working hard to change the look and feel of federal buildings," said GSA Administrator Martha Johnson. "We are making the investments now to save energy and taxpayer money in the future. The winning projects mark not just innovation in design, but also, rapid progress toward our nation's sustainability goals."

The new federal parking garage has been designed by Gruzen Sampton Architects of New York City to complement the existing 1970's-era buildings at the 27-acre federal campus on Carlos Chardon Avenue in Hato Rey. The 180,000 gross square foot garage will accommodate 500 vehicles. Its facade is designed to emulate the concrete fins of the existing federal complex by incorporating resin fins that are lightweight, translucent, and represent a contemporary interpretation of the earlier design. The new structure features a rooftop photovoltaic array that will produce more energy than building operations require, giving it a zero-environmental footprint. The array will also provide power to 64 electric vehicle charging stations included in the project. The garage is being constructed by HBA Contractors of San Juan and is expected to be completed in 2012.

"Through collaboration with some of the best architects and engineers in the country, we are creating a welcoming and sustainable federal presence in communities across the country," said GSA Commissioner of Public Buildings Robert A. Peck. "GSA's Design Awards celebrate the energy and creativity of everyone who works tirelessly to deliver the best in public architecture."

The complete list of 2010 GSA Design Award winners includes:

- United States Land Port of Entry, Warroad, Minn. – ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN HONORS; CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CITATIONS
- United States Land Port of Entry, Massena, N.Y. – ARCHITECTURE AND ART CITATIONS
- United States Land Port of Entry, Calais, Maine – ARCHITECTURE CITATION
- Historic District of Columbia Courthouse, Washington, D.C. – PRESERVATION CITATION
- United States Courthouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – PRESERVATION CITATION
- Federal Parking Garage, San Juan, Puerto Rico – ON-THE-BOARDS ARCHITECTURE CITATION
- United States Land Port of Entry, Van Buren, Maine – ON-THE-BOARDS ARCHITECTURE CITATION
- Mariposa Land Port of Entry, Nogales, Ariz. – ON-THE-BOARDS COMMUNICATIONS CITATION
- Peter W. Rodino Federal Building modernization, Newark, N.J. – ON-THE-BOARDS ENGINEERING CITATION
- Dr. A.H. McCoy Federal Building modernization, Jackson, Miss. – ON-THE-BOARDS URBANISM
- United States Courthouse, San Diego, Calif. – ON-THE-BOARDS URBANISM

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