

## **ABA wins design competition for new City project**

The City of Tucson Water Department recently declared ABA Architects the winner of its design competition for the city's new east side satellite facility. ABA Architects was one of the short-listed architecture firms chosen by the City of Tucson and was awarded the project based on a written proposal as well as several interviews with both city officials and neighborhood groups.

Plans are for the satellite office to be situated near the intersection of Golf Links and Houghton. It is slated to be a 23,500 square-foot facility on a 26-acre lot owned by the city. Construction cost is estimated at \$5 million, and the total project budget is \$6.95 million. Construction is scheduled to be completed by August 2008.

In addition, the project is required to meet City certification requirements of the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) at the Silver Certificate level. ABA Architects has four staff members who are LEED-Accredited professionals.

An article detailing the design competition was published in the February 2007 issue of *Southwest Contractor* (see [http://www.southwest.construction.com/features/archive/0702\\_feature5.asp](http://www.southwest.construction.com/features/archive/0702_feature5.asp)).

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