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Dedication Ceremony for FDA's Central Shared Use Building
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WASHINGTON, DC – October 26, 2006 – The Dedication Ceremony for the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Central Shared Use Facility (CSU) was held on October 12, 2006, in Silver Spring, MD.

When completed, the new FDA headquarters will house 7,700 employees and will encompass a 14-building, 3,000,000-SF campus comprised of offices, laboratories, and support space. The General Services Administration (GSA) is the owner and developer of the campus for FDA. Kling, in association with RTKL Associates Inc., is providing architectural design and engineering services for all phases of the new headquarters consolidation.

Designed by Kling, in association with RTKL Associates Inc., the third building to open on the new FDA campus, the new Central Shared Use Building will serve as the central hub of the new Food and Drug Administration campus. Housing welcome amenities for FDA employees such as a conference and training rooms, cafeteria, and fitness center, the building will be the central meeting point for all FDA employees at White Oak, fulfilling the promise of the new campus as a place for collaboration and interaction. Bridging between historic Building One and the new Campus Commons, the building symbolizes the transformation of White Oak from a weapons research facility to a 21st century campus for one of the world's foremost institutions safeguarding the health and well-being of all people. Demonstrating the FDA's and GSA's commitment to the environment, the building was designed as a showcase for sustainable design, featuring a green roof that will be visible from the surrounding buildings. In the next phase of construction the three-story central atrium will be opened to the historic lobby of Building One and the formal entrance forecourt, and will be the main arrival point for visitors and employees entering the new campus front door, completing the transformation of the public front of the campus.

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