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SpawGlass selected as general contractor for GVEC Western Operations Center

San Antonio, Texas – SpawGlass has been selected as general contractor for the approximately 63,000-sf Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC) Western Operations Center located at 6400 IH-10 West in Seguin, TX. The project is seeking Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification at the silver level from the U.S. Green Building Council.

“The Western Operations Center is the final phase of GVEC’s long-range facilities plan to meet the ever-changing needs of GVEC members. We’re confident that the new facility will aid us in our ongoing efforts to serve the needs of our existing and growing membership,” said Mike Absher, GVEC Member Services Manager. “We’re also focused on containing costs during construction and for future maintenance,” added Absher. “So we’re continuing our commitment to efficiency by utilizing environmentally-friendly design - it will be a big part of the construction process and the future daily operations of the facility.”

Situated on 35-acres, the newest GVEC facility is comprised of four buildings that will include a 16,000-sf operations center with administrative office space, a 20,000-sf materials warehouse facility, a 25,000-sf transportation storage and technical services building, and a 1,500-sf vehicle washing and fueling station.

SpawGlass has already broken ground on the project, and is preparing the site for a March foundation pour. The project is scheduled for completion in early 2011.

“We’re excited to begin what we hope is a long-term relationship with GVEC as the general contractor for the GVEC Western Operations Center,” said Dave Charest, LEED® A.P., SpawGlass project manager for the new operations facility. “Most importantly, we look forward to helping GVEC bring to fruition their strategic goals to streamline operations and enhance service to their customers,” adds Charest.

LEED features include a wind generator, solar panels, solar hot water system and water reclamation system to catch and store rain water for landscaping irrigation.

“SpawGlass has extensive experience with the LEED certification process and green building materials and methods,” said Charest. “Whenever a project team is seeking LEED certification, it’s a great thing to be a part of; but, we’re dedicated to minimizing the environmental impact on every project we build – whether LEED certification is being pursued or not.”

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