



NGA Campus East

NGA Campus East, or NCE, serves as the NGA's headquarters and is located on Fort Belvoir North Area in Springfield, Va. Authorized by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act, known as BRAC, NCE marks the consolidation of NGA's major East Coast operations and facilities located throughout the National Capital Region of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The NCE facility was specifically designed to enhance mission performance, facilitate physical and virtual collaboration, and promote greater information sharing within the agency and across the U.S. Intelligence Community and Department of Defense.

The facility was designed for 8,500 NGA employees – government civilians, military members and contractors, who moved into the facility from January to September 2011.

NCE provides a secure and modern working environment to improve product delivery through improved collaborative interaction and communication among NGA's employees.

Building Design

The NCE facility consists of five buildings – a visitor control center, a parking garage, the main office building, a technology center and a central utility plant.

NCE's structure consists of two eight-story (plus basement) wings joined together by a 500-foot long by 120-foot wide atrium.

The North and South wings are broken up into five color-coded neighborhoods, mirrored on each floor, to ease navigation through the main building.

The colors chosen for each neighborhood represent geographic features:

- Purple = Mountains
- Green = Forest
- Red = Volcanoes
- Orange = Deserts
- Blue = Water

The buildings' interiors facing the Atrium are glass-lined corridors, and interior walls to office spaces have been minimized to "harvest" daylight into traditionally darker interior spaces. The Atrium lobby provides access to the NCE amenities, such as the hair salon, dry cleaning drop-off/pick-up, two sundry shops, two dining areas, three food service areas, coffee shops, health clinic, and a physical fitness center.



NGA photo by Rob Cox



The first floor of NCE also houses the 500-person auditorium, the NGA Library, Conference Center and the unclassified section of NGA College.

NCE's six-story, 1.5 million square foot concrete parking structure provides more than 5,100 spaces.

“Green” Technology

The NCE facility has been certified as meeting the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Gold standards.

Efficiency design factors include:

- Heat reflecting low-E (emissivity) glass
- Water saving low-flush toilet fixtures
- Energy efficient light fixtures with motion sensors or controls
- Carbon dioxide detectors and construction materials specified as low/no Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and/or certified as 50 percent new wood-base products

Additionally, construction specifications encouraged local manufacturing to reduce transportation and carbon emissions, and the overall building design takes advantage of the sun's orientation to help regulate heating and cooling in the building.

Did You Know...

NCE is the third largest federal facility in Washington, D.C. area, at approximately 2.77 million square feet, after the Pentagon, 6.5 million square feet, and the Ronald Reagan building, 3.2 million square feet.

The Central Utility Plant produces 31,500 gallons per minute of chilled water – enough to fill three Olympic-size swimming pools every hour.

The buildings' wings are 900 feet long by 130 feet wide – roughly the size of two aircraft carriers parked side by side.

The main building has 1,707 trapezoidal windows.

The atrium roof is made out of the same light-weight and translucent material used on the Beijing Olympic Water Cube.

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About NGA...

As a Department of Defense Combat Support Agency and a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community, NGA provides geospatial intelligence, or GEOINT, in support of U.S. national security and defense, as well as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. GEOINT is the exploitation of imagery, imagery intelligence and geospatial data to describe, assess and depict features and activities and their location on the Earth.

Approximately two-thirds of the NGA workforce is assigned to NGA Campus East, and approximately one-third is assigned to the two St. Louis facilities. In addition, NGA professionals are continuously deployed to worldwide locations providing intelligence expertise in support of national defense objectives.



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