



## **GSA Announces Design/Build Firm for Bakersfield Federal Courthouse**

The Bakersfield Courthouse: A \$21.88M contract for the design and construction of a 33,000 gross square feet modern courthouse was awarded on November 20, 2009 to Gilbane Building Company of San Jose, in partnership with NBBJ Architects.

The Bakersfield Courthouse will house one Magistrate Court and chamber, district clerks office, U.S. Marshalls Service, U.S. Pretrial Services, and U.S. Probation.

Through innovative design and new green technologies this new courthouse will save taxpayer dollars through the building's energy efficiency. By using green technologies, this project will create jobs in both traditional construction sectors and emerging green industries. The project is expected to achieve at least a LEED Silver certification.

The Gilbane+NBBJ team will include local and regional consulting engineers and building specialists. Design work will begin this month and is expected to be completed by late spring of 2010.

GSA was appropriated \$5.5 billion under the Recovery Act to convert federal buildings into high-performance green buildings and build new energy-efficient federal buildings, courthouses, and land ports of entry. GSA's projects will deliver lasting progress toward modernizing the nation's infrastructure, reducing the federal government's consumption of energy and water, and increasing use of clean and renewable sources of energy.

GSA welcomes this opportunity to contribute to our nation's economic recovery, address strategic energy goals and reinvest in our public buildings.