

Concord Eastridge, Balfour Beatty Awarded Contract

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The team of Concord Eastridge Inc. and Balfour Beatty Construction has secured a \$53.6-million public-private contract to develop, design and build a 170,800-square-foot conference center and hotel facility and related campus road and entrance work on George Mason University's Fairfax campus.

Construction on The Mason Inn began this fall, with completion scheduled for summer 2010. The team, known as University Hotel Partners LLC, combines Balfour Beatty's design-build expertise with Concord Eastridge's project management skills and ability to supply real estate development solutions for clients in the higher education, hospitality and public sectors. Gensler, a firm specializing in architecture, interior design and brand design, is designing The Mason Inn as part of a design-build arrangement with University Hotel Partners.

Major construction subcontractors include JCM Associates Inc., mechanical; J.E. Richards Inc., electrical; Oncore Construction LLC, concrete; Strittmatter Inc., site work; Henard Metal Fabricators Inc., structural steel; and Infinity Structures Inc., structural stud walls and decks. Among the design consultants are Thornton Tomasetti Inc., structural engineering; and GHT Ltd., mechanical, electrical and plumbing design.