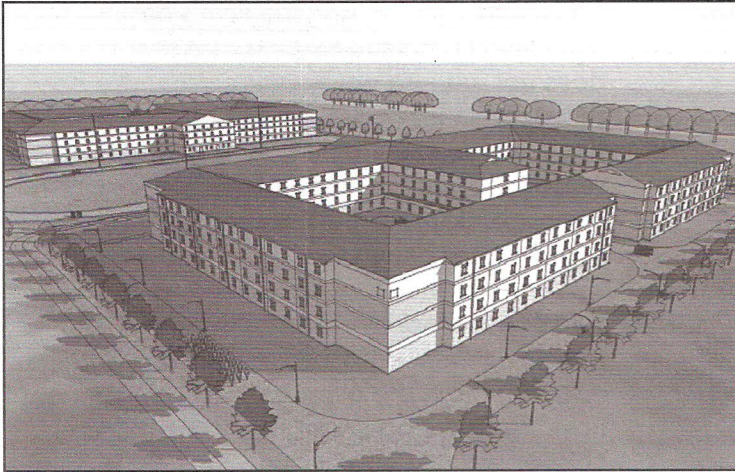


GSA Raises Bar on Green Building Requirements



The Medical Education Training Complex at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX is a LEED certified project that meets the Army's stringent requirements for sustainability and low air infiltration, resulting in better indoor air quality and exceptional energy efficiency. Totalling over one million sq. ft., it is the largest modular project in North America and one of the biggest in the world.

The General Services Administration, the U.S.'s largest landlord, recently announced that it has increased its green building standards, requiring LEED Gold certification for all new federal construction and major renovations. GSA previously required LEED Silver for all federal facilities; the new requirement applies to all projects that are currently in design as well as all future projects. For newly constructed properties that GSA leases, the agency has maintained a LEED Silver requirement for new construction projects over 10,000 sq. ft. (1,000 m²). "This new requirement is just one of the many ways we're greening the federal real estate inventory to help deliver on President Obama's commitment to increase sustainability and energy efficiency across government," said Robert Peck, GSA's commissioner of public buildings.