

Center of Standardization awards \$8.6 million dollar contract for Fort Campbell Child Development Center

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Next year, life for Soldiers and their families at Fort Campbell, Ky., will become a little easier with the development of a new child development center for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

The Center of Standardization (COS) at the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, awarded a contract July 18 for the child development center, ages 0-5 project, at Fort Campbell to Nationview/Bhate JV III of Birmingham, Ala., in the amount of \$7, 649,768.

Under the contract, 30 child development centers will be built over the next several years across the southern U.S., beginning with Fort Campbell, covering three age groups including 6 weeks to 5 years, 6-10 years and youth activity centers.

The child development centers and youth activity centers will be built according to an Army Standard which was signed in March by Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, assistant chief of staff for Installation Management. The standard simplifies construction methods and reduces construction costs.

The COS for child development centers will be out in the field for all design meetings when a geographic district is preparing to design a facility at an installation. They make sure the design meets the standards for such things as square footage per child and services offered.

“The ultimate goal is to have a safe, clean and convenient place on installations for the families to bring kids,” said Art Dohrman, COS program manager for the Huntsville Center. “We want to make things as easy as possible for the Soldiers and let them focus on their jobs and not have to worry about taking their children off base for day care and then rush back to work on the installation.”

Huntsville Center employees from the Engineering, Installation Support and Programs Management and Contracting directorates and Office of Counsel worked with a variety of external team members including Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Fort Campbell Garrison, Louisville District of the Corps, and the U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, who is the customer and proponent, to procure this contract.

“We have several team members who have helped tremendously,” Dohrman said.. “Jay Clark is an architect with Huntsville’s Engineering Directorate and has been

the lead on the CDC age 0-5 standard, creating the final building plans that incorporated all of the new modules and functional requirements.”

Roger Young, Engineering Directorate, is the Source Selection Board chairman for the Southern Region Child and Youth Services facilities contract acquisition. Young assembled the team of experts who evaluated multiple contractors and selected those considered a best match for the projects and contracts.

“The team worked long hours to develop design standards for these facilities that reflect the current national certification standards for child care facilities,” Young said. “This project was truly a team effort.”

The project engineer for the child development centers is Sandy Wood, Engineering Directorate, who has been deeply involved in the standard designs of the centers and served as an adviser to the selection boards. Lisle Lennon and Aaron Kelly, who work in the Contracting Directorate, have also played an integral part in the process

“We are confident that we are providing Soldiers outstanding facilities where their children are safe, secure, and well cared-for,” Young said.