

Pawnee Nation Expansion Enters Final Stages

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Current construction projects include final stages of construction on the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center, final design stage for the renovation of the Roundhouse and the Pawnee Tribal Elders Center (Elders Center) which is just beginning its design phase.

The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center is nearing completion and become operational no later than October of this year, if not sooner. This new facility is located at the corner of Click Field Road, Round House Road and Heritage Circle Drive.

This new building is funded by U.S. Housing and Urban Development under the FY 2010 - Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). Pawnee Nation's Transportation Department contributed additional funding for the creation of access entrances and parking areas.

The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center was designed by Anishinabe Design of Norman, Okla. with construction provided by Builder's Unlimited of Tulsa, Okla.

Amenities include seven offices, a reception area and a conference room that doubles as a safe area during inclement weather to accommodate more than 150 people.

The design phase for the Tribal Roundhouse is nearing completion. The Construction Management Firm (Builder's Unlimited, Tulsa) will soon completed the final cost estimate for this project and the bid process will begin in the near future.

The Elders Center will soon begin its' design phase. One Architecture is the design firm that was recently selected by the Pawnee Business Council for this project. This new Elders Center will be located east of the Tribal Roundhouse and will be approximately 3,800 square feet in size.

"These facilities will not only benefit Pawnee Nation, but the city of Pawnee, the County and the federal government as well," said Marshall Gover, president of the Pawnee Business Council. "The Pawnee Tribe will be on the forefront of helping with the economic development of the City of Pawnee. Even though the Pawnee Tribe is a small tribe, we are the greatest Nation on the face of the earth!"