

District Complex will Feature Traditional O'odham Architectural Designs

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Pre-design preparations and processes for the future District Complex are currently in the works. To begin, the Planning Department of the District is looking for input from the Community for the siting of the facility. This information is important for the Development Review Process — to give the Community a strong voice in the facility — since it will belong to you and serve you.

After a site is determined for the project, an architect experienced in Native American building designs will be hired to perform various conceptual drawings. The products of this work will present different ideas as to what the facility will look like, giving realistic three dimensional views, for example.

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The intention of this work is to have various architectural themes reflecting traditional O'odham features and design to choose from. The plan is for these drawings to receive Community input and also move through the Development Review Process. While this part of the process is in motion, the selected site will be going through all the appropriate steps and matters of clearance for development.

Next, we move into the design phase of the District Complex; where programming, technical architectural, and engineering drawings are put together through an architect approved specifically for coordinating this part. The drawings are then reviewed and approved. After this step is finished, final pre-construction preparations are completed. Through an approved procurement process, a contractor will be ready to begin construction.

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