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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Arapahoe County begins construction of Eastern Service Center** *August 23 "earth moving" ceremony to make way for new facility*

ARAPAHOE COUNTY, CO --- On Thursday, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, employees and community leaders will break ground at the new Eastern Service Center at 4405 S. County Road 129/Brick Center Road, Bennett.

The ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. on the 70-acre construction site, which is located about 14 miles east of E-470 on the southwest corner of Quincy Avenue and County Road 129, also known as Brick Center Road in Bennett.

The Eastern Service Center will be the new home for the County's Public Works and Fleet Management eastern operations. The \$6 million building replaces the County's aging facility in Byers, which was built in 1938 in a residential neighborhood and last upgraded in 1986. With its three bays, cramped office space, small storage yard and one bathroom, the County long outgrew the 69-year-old facility.

The new 16,000 square-foot Eastern Service Center will include 110-foot vehicle bays, a welding area and room to store heavy equipment, such as snowplows and road graders. The County's 20 employees, along with the equipment from the Byers facility, will be relocated to the Eastern Service Center.

The building is designed by Oz Architecture and Hyder Construction is the contractor. Construction will begin in September and is expected to be completed in mid-2008.

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