

# U.S. EMBASSY NEW DELHI, INDIA

GROUNDBREAKING FACT SHEET  
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## **WEISS/MANFREDI**

Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism  
Architect

## **BL Harbert International**

General Contractor

## **28 Acres**

Site

## **\$874 Million**

Project Budget

## **\$200 Million**

Estimated Local Community Investment

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi will provide a secure, functional, sustainable, and resilient platform for U.S. diplomacy in India. On the existing 28-acre site in New Delhi's diplomatic enclave and next to the Edward Durrell Stone original Chancery building, the multi-building campus will provide a new Chancery and office annex, as well as staff residences and support facilities. The initial construction phase includes the new buildings and a resilient landscape. Plans for future construction include a renovation of the historic Stone Chancery, which is listed on the Secretary's Register of Culturally Significant Properties.

The construction contract was awarded to B.L. Harbert International of Birmingham, Alabama; completion is anticipated in 2027. The architect, WEISS/MANFREDI of New York, New York, has bridged the historic and modern buildings; the result is a holistic new campus. An estimated \$200 million will be invested in the local economy, and the project is expected to employ 800 Indian workers at the peak of construction activities.

## **Design and Construction**

The new campus design underscores the significance of U.S.-India bilateral relations. Unified by a central landscape corridor connecting the historic and new campuses, the front of the original Chancery building will include a renovated landscape to welcome visitors — the new office building will incorporate similar granite materials and landscape design. Clad in a palette of neutral beige limestone, the new building's design responds to local climate conditions and complements the original Chancery building. The office layout will maximize daylight while offering the flexibility to adjust the orientation of workspaces.

## **Resiliency & Sustainability**

The project targets Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Silver Certification. The design includes features that accommodate New Delhi's seasonal climate, which ranges from very hot and dry to

monsoon conditions. Photovoltaic panels will provide more than 285 kilowatts of electrical power — enough to offset 30% of the annual energy cost of the new office building and 13% that of the new staff apartment building. Solar hot water panels will provide much of the campus' hot water needs. Wastewater will be treated on site, then re-used in an efficient drip irrigation system, providing 100% of the campus' landscape watering needs. Stormwater — collected from the site, treated, and stored in a 1 million-gallon underground tank — will supply the iconic, newly restored entry fountain. Rainwater capture will reduce water use by more than 50%, and water conserving design features will reduce indoor water use by more than 30%.

## Art

The permanent art collection, curated by the Department of State's Office of Art in Embassies, will showcase works from both American and Indian artists in a variety of media, including paintings, photographs, textiles, and sculptures. The collection will seek to expand the dialogue of shared values between the people of our two countries. Highlights will include site-specific commissions that reflect the diversity and richness of U.S. and Indian cultural heritage.



New Office Building Entrance



U.S. Embassy Campus

Learn more about the project here: <https://newusembassynewdelhi.state.gov/>

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