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## QCC keeps growing

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QCC lures more defense contractors

The Quantico Corporate Center in North Stafford continues to draw interest from defense contractors in the midst of a sluggish economy.

The office park is off U.S. 1, just south of Quantico Marine Corps Base. Contractors are leasing space there as the base prepares to add thousands of jobs in the next couple of years as part of the latest Base Realignment and Closure decisions.

The most recent companies or organizations to sign new leases at the center are EG&G, a division of URS Corp.; the Marine Corps Systems Command; and General Dynamics.

EG&G will be consolidating multiple facilities in Dumfries into 35,000 square feet of space at the QCC in July 2009. Its work force will exceed 200 positions there.

The Marine Corps Systems Command is moving an office off the Quantico base and into about 20,000 square feet of space at the QCC. An information technology division of General Dynamics is taking about 9,300 square feet; the company leased another 25,400 square feet at the QCC earlier this year.

More than 100,000 square feet of office space has now been leased at the Quantico Corporate Center since November. The Silver Cos. is the developer of the center, which is expected to eventually provide 1 million square feet of office space.

Two office buildings are there now, and construction on a third 140,000-square-foot facility should start this year. The first building is fully leased, while about 20 percent of the second building is available.

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