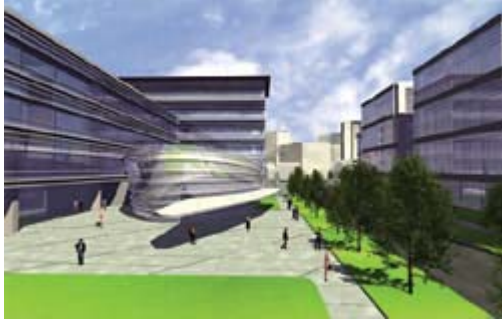




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Denver's planned Justice Center complex will incorporate green building techniques such as using environmentally-friendly refrigerants, minimizing the use of non-renewable resources and waste production, incorporating natural daylighting, and landscaping with drought-tolerant native plants. Credit: Reilly Johnson Architecture; Anderson Mason Dale Architects; Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabuam, Inc.

High Performance Building Standards for the Justice Center Complex

When voters approved funding for the construction of a new Justice Center in 2005, they knew it would be a world class facility that would represent the city and its commitment to the values of justice and equality.

Now, as one of the first major successes of Greenprint Denver and the city's High Performance Building Policy, the project will be built and certified to [LEED®](#) standards.

In what will likely be one of many similar partnerships, the city partnered with the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation, and Colorado State University's Institute for the Built Environment to ensure that sustainability was a key factor in the project's design and selection for the architects and contractors. In addition, IBE provided valuable LEED and sustainability training for city employees.

Building construction and operation has serious and often negative impacts on the environment and human health. Ensuring that the Justice Center is built using proven sustainable design and construction techniques will reduce operating costs, create a better and healthier place to work, and help protect the environment.

IN-DEPTH:

- Learn more about Denver's [Justice Center Complex](#).
- View the architectural [design and development standards](#).
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