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Ground broken for \$500M Social Security building in Urbana

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Social Security Insurance broke ground Monday for its new building in Urbana.

The 300,000-square-foot, \$500 million structure is scheduled to open in 2014.

The building will be located at 3001 Bennett Creek Drive off Md. 80. SSI plans to hire 200 employees.

The General Services Administration selected Virginia-based Hensel Phelps Construction for the \$191.5 million initial construction phase. The work will mean additional construction jobs for the project.

The construction will include use of sustainable materials and energy-efficient heating and cooling systems.

The location of the project initially was between Urbana and a site near the existing Social Security building in Woodlawn, near Baltimore.

The new building will join Fannie Mae, which opened its data center in the Urbana Business Park in 2005. The 250,000-square-foot center has about 250 employees. The Banner Life Insurance Co. opened last year, relocating its 400 employees to the 115,000-square-foot center from Montgomery County.



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A groundbreaking was held Monday for the Social Security Administration's National Support Center, to be built on Bennett Creek Drive in Urbana. From left is Congressman Roscoe Bartlett; Social Security Administration commissioner Michael J. Astrue; Blaine Young, president of the Frederick County Commissioners; Commissioner Paul Smith; David Foley of the General Services Administration; Joel Douglass of the Hensel Phelps Construction Co.; and Edward Pogreba of the Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

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