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GATEWAY VISITOR CENTER

OVERVIEW

The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) equips service men and women who protect and defend our democracy, and truly makes Colorado Springs a City for Champions. More than a half-century ago, rigorous efforts from the community brought the Air Force Academy to Colorado Springs. Today, the historic legacy of the Academy continues to instill a sense of patriotism in those who visit.

The Academy was once one of the state's top tourist destinations. After September 11, 2001, Academy visitors decreased dramatically, from 700,000 annually to a mere 200,000, as necessary security for the campus became a priority over visitor access.

The Gateway Visitor Center will transform the visitor experience by relocating and expanding the Center's exhibit offerings for an engaging experience and provide a way for visitors to honor the contributions of Cadets to the US Air Force.

PROGRAM

Clearly visible and easily accessible from I-25, the 32,000-SF Gateway Visitor Center will include:

- Museum and Pikes Peak Region Welcome Center comprised of a 7,800-SF exhibit space, including a theater for 250 people and support facilities.
- 7,000-SF, glass-enclosed atrium, a triple-height space used for welcoming, for group gatherings and for circulation throughout the Gateway facility.
- 9,400 SF of retail and restaurant space
- Polaris Plaza, a covered but open-air space of approximately 15,000 SF linking various components of the Gateway Visitor Center

LOCATION

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

COST

\$20,500,000

PROJECTED OPENING DATE

Fall 2019

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