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A commercial construction company that specializes in defense-related projects is moving forward with a \$31 million project. The project will bring a new building to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and provide a much-needed service to employees on base.

Beavercreek-based Butt Construction Co. is leading a project to bring a child development center to WPAFB. The 43,000-square-foot building is replacing an aging building no longer meeting base needs, and will bring with it a state-of-the-art center to help meet childcare needs of base employees. Butt Construction's role in the project includes infrastructure, site prep, landscaping, parking and roadway extension, as well as a playground and incidental work.

The center will include 22 child activity rooms, break rooms, training rooms, offices, laundry rooms, a kitchen and various utility rooms. It is designed to accommodate 304 children as young as infants aged six weeks to children five years old, as well as staff members. The center is being designed and built to follow the latest Air Force Child Development Center technology, safety, security and sustainability standards, with the facility being designed to help children learn through play.

In addition to the activity rooms that promise ample space for the children, there will be five distinct outdoor play environments divided by age group that will provide age-appropriate activities. The building architecture is going to be safe, child-friendly, familiar and comfortable in its form, materials, color and scale. Additionally, it will require minimal maintenance to ensure the safety for children and staff.

"Not only is it going to provide a wonderful environment where these children can learn through play, but it's also going to provide a state-of-the-art workplace for the people who are going to be working there," said Rachel Butt, CEO of Butt Construction. "That kind of environment gives our military families peace of mind when they drop off their children at daycare."



Rachel Butt, CEO of Butt Construction Company

COURTESY OF BUTT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

While Butt Construction was awarded the design and construction for the project through a defense contract, several companies are working on the project to make it come together. Barge Design Solutions based out of Miamisburg is the lead design firm on the project, with Lebanon-based FireLogix doing the fire protection design, Hussey Gay Bell doing interior design work and Above Green leading the sustainability design.

The total design for the project will take a year, but it is broken up into multiple packages. Site demolition is slated to begin as early as March, with the contractual completion date set for January 2026.

Butt Construction dates back to 1927.

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