



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

August 19, 2015

**Media Contact:**

Megan Mutschler  
megan@thedeberrygroup.com  
361-550-6163

**Brooks City Base Celebrates Groundbreaking of  
Full-Service Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel**

(SAN ANTONIO) – Construction is underway on the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Antonio Brooks City Base. Community leaders including Mayor Ivy Taylor, Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, Judge Nelson Wolff, Commissioner Tommy Calvert and leaders from Brooks City Base joined John Rogers, global head of Embassy Suites by Hilton & SVP of product management, to break ground on the full-service hotel at a ceremony on Wednesday.

“The south side of San Antonio has gone too long without a full-service hotel of this caliber,” said Brooks City Base President & CEO Leo Gomez. “The Embassy Suites by Hilton at Brooks City Base will be a gorgeous property, located near a future linear park that will lead to the San Antonio River. This will be a landmark project for Brooks that will be of tremendous value to the people of our community.”

The full-service hotel will be located near the intersection of South New Braunfels Avenue and Southeast Military Drive. It will feature a restaurant and more than 8,000 square feet of conference and event space, which includes pre-function space, break out rooms and a ballroom, making it the only full-service hotel and conference or event center south of downtown San Antonio and north of Corpus Christi or McAllen. It is scheduled to open in October 2016 and will offer the following amenities:

- 156 two-room suites
- Restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, featuring a brick oven and rotisserie
- Banquet seating for up to 500
- 8,000 square foot ballroom
- Outdoor reception area
- Hi-tech board room (seating for 20)
- 1 breakout rooms (seating for 90)
- Hi-speed wireless Internet throughout
- Certified Precor fitness center
- Business center/IT oasis
- Resort-style pool with fire pits, water features and hot tub
- On-site spa services
- Starbucks® coffee

- Room service
- Complimentary made-to-order breakfast and evening reception for guests
- Full bar and wine service
- 24-hour gourmet market

Brooks City Base Chairman Manuel Pelaez-Prada said, “The Embassy Suites by Hilton at Brooks City Base will not only provide first-class accommodations for guests, but also ample space to host special events ranging from business meetings to family reunions and quinceañeras. I believe guests and groups using the hotel will be extremely impressed by the modern design and ample amenities.”

The \$35 million dollar project was first proposed in June 2013 and is a partnership between Brooks City Base and Boerne/San Antonio-based Phoenix Hospitality Group. Phoenix has four Hilton properties throughout the region and serves as both the developer and management company for the hotel. The engineering design consultant is Pape-Dawson Engineers, the architecture firm is SA Partnership and the contractor is Jordan Foster Construction.

“We have been planning this project for two years and are thrilled to be breaking ground today,” said Ed McClure, Phoenix Hospitality Group founder and CEO. “This project will be transformational for the south side of San Antonio, offering first class accommodations for the local community and visitors to our campus from across the state and country. We look forward to serving our first guests next year.”

Financing for this project is provided through IBC Bank, Preston Hollow Capital and Brevet Capital Management. A portion of funds from Brooks City Base’s recently issued revenue bonds will go towards construction costs for the Embassy Suites by Hilton.

“The Embassy Suites by Hilton at Brooks City Base is a wonderful project during this exciting time in San Antonio,” Michael K. Sohn, IBC Bank-San Antonio President and CEO, said. “IBC Bank is proud to be a part of a project that will further support the growth of the city’s ever-expanding convention and tourism market.”

###

### **About Brooks City Base**

Brooks City Base is a community of more than 1,200 acres planned for mixed-use development that includes residential, retail, office, and light industrial opportunities. Since its inception, the community has attracted more than 26 businesses including Mission Solar, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, DPT Laboratories, Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering, Texas A&M-San Antonio Brooks City Base, VMC, Bridge PTS, the City/County Emergency Operations Center, the Brooks Academy of Science and Engineering Charter School, The Landings at Brooks City Base apartment community, and a variety of restaurants and retail stores. For more information, visit [www.brookscity-base.com](http://www.brookscity-base.com).