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Kirkuk Government accepts new Project Coordination Center

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The recently completed Project Coordination Center provides 12 additional offices and two large meeting rooms for the provincial Directorate Generals, Provincial Reconstruction Teams, Civil Affairs, Kirkuk resident office engineers and contractors to conduct business properly. This photo shows one of two new large conference rooms during the handover event in April. (USACE photo)

Kirkuk, Iraq—The recently completed Project Coordination Center, adding 250 square meters to the existing Kirkuk Government building, was turned over to the provincial government in April.

Through a joint initiative of the Ministry of Planning and Development; the Kirkuk Provincial Council; and the governor's office, this facility will accommodate a new

civil service agency currently being developed in Kirkuk.

"Everyone needed more space to conduct business properly," said Joe Domingo, Gulf Region Division project engineer. "The 2-story addition gives them that space so they no longer have to share meeting rooms. We can conduct pre-construction and progress meetings at



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the same time without a time limit."

In this semi-secured government compound in downtown Kirkuk, Directorate Generals for Government of Iraq agencies, Provincial Reconstruction Teams, Civil Affairs and Bilingual, Bi-cultural Associates (BBAs) meet weekly to discuss construction progress in the now spacious facility offering a total of 12 offices and two large conference rooms.

"The contractor was adaptable to the customer's wishes and the quality workmanship is exactly what we knew we would get from the Rang Company," Do-

mingo said. "The customers are very happy with the new addition."

The Rang Company is a Kurdish-owned construction contractor. The \$220K project was funded through the Department of State's Economic Support Fund.

The Kirkuk Area Office of GRD currently has project and construction management for reconstruction projects in the Kirkuk and Sulaymaniyah provinces. Since 2004, KAO has completed 323 projects in these two provinces of northern Iraq; with 28 currently ongoing or planned; totaling \$581 million.

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