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## New \$35 million Embassy Suites Hotel planned for Brooks City Base

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A new Embassy Suites Hotel will be developed at **Brooks** City Base in Southeast San Antonio after the Brooks City Base board of directors and Embassy Suites Franchise Executive Committee reached an agreement that paves the way for the hotel to proceed.

The planned full-service hotel will be branded Embassy Suites-Brooks City Base by Hilton Hotels. It will house approximately 155 suites, a restaurant and 8,000-square-feet of conference and event space at the former Brooks Air Force Base.

Brooks City Base officials said the six-acre project will be the first such development in the market south of downtown San Antonio. The new hotel is slated to open in 2016.

"This will be the premier hotel and event facility south of downtown San Antonio and will truly serve the entire region," Brooks City Base President and CEO Leo Gomez said. "It will be an enormous asset to this growing community."

Construction on the roughly \$35 million project is expected to begin in April. The



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Crews are expected to break ground in April on a new Embassy Suites Hotel at Brooks City Base.

hotel will be located at South New Braunfels Avenue and S.E. Military Drive, in an area that has experienced significant retail activity over the last several years.

The planned hotel will also house a fitness center and business center, as well as a full bar and a Grab & Go deli market.

Brooks City Base Chairman Manuel Peleaz-Prada said the planned development represents "another landmark project" for the site of the former base.

**Phoenix Hospitality Group** has been working with Brooks City Base since 2013 to develop the project. Phoenix currently has four Hilton properties in the region and will serve as developer and management company for the Brooks City Base hotel.

Phoenix founder and CEO Ed McClure said the hotel is a "visionary project" which will "forever change" San Antonio's South Side.

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