



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Work starts on new headquarters for Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

NIOBRARA, Neb. - Construction has begun on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's new headquarters in Niobrara.

The new headquarters is being built east of the current location and will be approximately 9,000 square feet – more than double the size of the existing building.

The new headquarters, which will have a drive-up lane for access, will house offices for staff and also include a storm shelter. Nearly 3,000 feet of multi-purpose space also will be included to provide space for tribal and other gatherings. A meeting room, full kitchen and washer/dryer will be included in that space.

Following completion of the new headquarters building, the current facility will be demolished and a Ponca Express Transit Facility will be built. A paved parking lot will be created between the two buildings, and there will be a driveway that connects all roads to the property.

Buffalo Spirit, LLC of Omaha is the general contractor. The company is owned by tribal member Larry Wright Jr., and several other Ponca member-owned businesses have been identified to work on the project.

The entire project is expected to be completed by February 2015.

The Ponca Tribe has a 15-county service delivery area: Boyd, Burt, Douglas, Hall, Holt, Knox, Lancaster, Madison, Platte, Sarpy, Stanton and Wayne counties in Nebraska; Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties in Iowa; and Charles Mix County in South Dakota. Office sites are located in Lincoln, Niobrara, Norfolk and Omaha in Nebraska, and Sioux City in Iowa.

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