



Blue Grass Chemical Agent-  
Destruction Pilot Plant

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## **Chemical weapons destruction project leases office space in Richmond Mall**

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RICHMOND, Ky. -- About 250 government and contractor employees of the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction-Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) will move to new quarters in the Richmond Mall, in Richmond, Ky., over the next few months.

"Our Richmond staff is currently scattered among three buildings (in the Gibson Bay Drive area)," said Ralph Collins, acting site project manager for the U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) program, which manages the chemical demilitarization project. "This new location will consolidate our people in one location, improve efficiency and reduce overall facility costs."

The pilot plant project team will occupy 42,000 square feet located between Office Max and the former Fashion Bug store. The former retail space is currently being converted to offices by contractors for the mall owner, Richmond Mall Associates, LLC. A phased move is scheduled to take place between mid-March and May, depending on construction.

Those moving to the new location will include employees of ACWA, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, systems contractor Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass, and government support contractor FOCIS Associates, a division of Science Application International Corporation.

Four other project locations will not be affected, which include the construction site on the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), a training center; a warehouse east of Richmond on Highway 52; and the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at 1000 Commercial Drive.

The chemical weapons destruction facility, now under construction at a site on the Army Depot off of Highway 52, will destroy 523 tons of chemical weapons currently stored at BGAD. For more information on the project please go to <http://www.pmacwa.army.mil/ky/main.htm>.

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