



Location
Milton, FL

New Construction
400,000 square feet
2,000-bed special needs facility

Schedule
15 months

Construction Cost
\$107,927,000

Owner
The GEO Group, Inc.

Architect
Argenta Architecture

Blackwater River Correctional Facility

This Design-Build, 2000-bed special needs facility was developed and is managed by The GEO Group Inc., for the State of Florida. The facility includes various levels of security and houses 70% mental and 30% medical inmates.

In total, there are twelve structures located inside a secure perimeter with 400,000 square-feet of building area. Structures include: an administration building, support / segregation building, four cell housing buildings, two dormitory housing buildings, maintenance building, three covered recreation structures and a guard house.

The building exteriors are a combination of reinforced concrete tilt panels, reinforced concrete masonry units and precast cell modules, while building interiors are predominately reinforced concrete masonry units. However, the maintenance building and three covered recreation structures are all pre-engineered metal construction. The Blackwater River Correctional Facility was designed and constructed to meet Gold LEED® certification. To obtain LEED® certification, both the design and operations of the facility have to meet specific LEED® requirements, identified during the design phase of the project.

Awards
U.S. Green Building Council
LEED® Gold Certification

2010 Mississippi Associated
Builders and Contractors
Merit Award

2009 Storm Water Solutions
Top Storm Water Project