



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



# Jenks Contractor to Build New FWS Admin. Building American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

### Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has selected LDKC Inc. of Jenks, Okla. to build the Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) administration building in Okmulgee. The company will be awarded \$749,628 in Recovery Act funds to complete the 2,800 administration building and visitor’s center.



Deep Fork NWR; Okmulgee, Oklahoma

The new on-site facility will allow refuge staff to more conveniently serve the public. Previously, refuge officials had to meet with school groups, volunteers and visitors ten-miles away from the refuge in offices in the Okmulgee post office building.

Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1993 to protect the bottomland hardwood forest lands of eastern Oklahoma and the wildlife which utilize them. At least 147 species of birds, including a wide variety of migrating and wintering waterfowl, fifty-one species of mammals, fifty-four species of reptiles and thirty-eight species of amphibians, inhabit the bottomland forest and associated wetlands. Service officials expect completion early next year.

### Project Benefits

The Service expects the Deep Fork NWR Administration Building project to create work for eight people as well as encourage better community relations between the public and Deep Fork NWR staff, and increasing volunteer opportunities.

### Total Budget Information for All Projects

Deep Fork NWR: \$749,628

### For More Information

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