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Riverside Breaks Ground on La Quinta Station

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Riverside County (Calif.) Fire has broken ground on its La Quinta Fire Station No. 32. Expected to be completed in fall 2010, the \$6.8 million project incorporates a 7,200-square-foot fire station and improvements to the neighboring City Corporate Yard, where public-works equipment is parked.

Featuring state-of-the-art technology and energy-efficient systems, the new fire station meets the ongoing needs of firefighters but also fits into the character of the Spanish Colonial-themed La Quinta Village area, said Wayne Holtan, AIA, principal at [Domusstudio Architecture](#).

Among the unique design features incorporated into the new fire station are bifold doors instead of the more traditional roll-up doors.

La Quinta Fire Station No. 32 also will feature sustainable elements, including photovoltaic solar panels in compliance with California Energy Code, insulated skylights that further reduce energy use, low-water-use landscaping, and recycled building materials.

State-of-the-art features at the new station include an exhaust gas capture system that removes cancer-causing vehicle emissions and vents them directly outside the building and a high-performance commercial extractor washing machine that removes poisons and carcinogens from firefighters' protective clothing.

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