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The Patrick Wade Child Development Center will cater to children from infancy to 5 years of age. T.B. Penick & Sons oversaw project construction.

New Navy child center now open

By Daily Transcript staff report

T.B. Penick & Sons has completed construction on the \$9.4 million design-build project of the Patrick Wade Child Development Center at Liberty Station in Point Loma.

The single-story, 25,866-square-foot center will serve infants and children, from ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, of Navy personnel.

There are 17 classrooms including five infant rooms, a 1,350-square-foot com-

mercial kitchen, administration areas and offices, a training room and break room.

The single-story center was designed by **domusstudio architecture** and has a con-

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temporary California-Spanish style building with a red clay tile roof and a main reception lobby with multi-screen security system.

Outside is a fenced shaded playground area that has a reading area, age appropriate play structures, a climbing wall, embankment slide, art easels, tricycle path, craft bench and water drop mosaic inlaid artwork.

Primary subcontractors on the project included **R.L. Electric Inc.**, **Certified Air Conditioning Inc.**, **A&P Drywall** and **MV Plumbing**.

The center also has energy efficient and sustainable features such as high efficiency insulated glass and building insulation, high efficiency mechanicals with economizers, natural lighting controls, and low water landscaping and fixtures.

In addition, approximately 85 percent of the construction debris was diverted to other uses or recycled. The building is seeking a LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The center is named after Chief Explosive Ordinance Technician Patrick L. Wade, who died in Iraq in July 2007.

The project was awarded in September 2009 using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

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