

# Buchart Horn Helps Improve U.S. Consulates and Embassies

When the United States Department of State decided to convert a former U.S. military hospital into the largest American diplomatic compound outside of Washington, DC, Buchart Horn's overseas operation provided permitting, stormwater management design, and construction management services. Originally constructed for the German military in 1937, the 23 acre site in Frankfurt became a Consulate that serves 250,000 U.S. Citizens in southwestern Germany including U.S. military personnel and 94,000 dependents.

The firm also helped the U.S. Consulate General improve a major Frankfurt housing complex with a variety of architectural and engineering services. Buchart Horn developed a prototype design for the renovation of 31 apartment buildings which included complete heating, plumbing and electrical upgrades. The company, with the design of new pedestrian and vehicular and parking controls, also enhanced perimeter security at the complex. A combination of surface devices, barriers and furnishings improved the anti-ram security around the facility.

Addressing security issues has been a significant focus of Buchart Horn's work for the Department of State. In Luxembourg, Bratislava, Slovakia, London and the Hague in the Netherlands, Design/Build perimeter security projects for U.S. Embassies were completed, in addition to other renovation work. For the U.S. Consulate General, security projects were performed in Munich, Hamburg, and Strasbourg.

Aesthetics are also key components in Buchart Horn's design assignments as we help present the image of the United States to the world. Perhaps the most striking symbol of this was the restoration of the magnificent façade of the U.S. Consulate in Vienna (above). Design/Build solutions for electrical, window and entrance-way



improvements were performed as well. Historic restoration was the focus of improvements in the Berlin Consulate.

Through the development of a Model Energy Housing approach utilizing solar panels and heat sinks, Buchart Horn's work at the Berlin Embassy was selected as a Top 10 Department of State Project of the Year.

Buchart Horn has been very fortunate to serve the United States in many capacities overseas. We are proud to have assisted in making our American assets and personnel more secure and comfortable as they carry out their important missions.

