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"Some of the challenges with demolishing buildings on a former military base," Laura Barton, Assistant Project Manager for McCarthy Building Companies, explained, "is trying to locate the utilities that have to be completely dealt with before demolition can begin."

"We have a vague idea of where the utilities are connected but because of its military history, the "as-built" plans are few and far between," she said. US Demolition, the company awarded the contract to raze the structures, will recycle 80% of the materials salvaged from the demolition process.

The March LifeCare campus is expected to cost \$3.3 billion and when complete will include over 6 million square feet of healthcare related development. It has been called the largest healthcare project in the Western United States.

At total build out, the development will include a 550-bed hospital, medical office buildings, retail, a senior continuum of over 700 beds, ambulatory care facilities, a hotel and healing institute, and education, research and training facilities. The project is expected to create over 5,000 construction jobs in Phase 1.

Overall the project is expected to create 12,700 construction jobs and 7,200 full-time healthcare and related jobs. Completion of the entire project is expected to take less than 10 years.