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**DELMARVA VETERAN BUILDERS CONTRACTED BY GILBANE INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ON  
NEW PATRICIA R. GUERRIERI ACADEMIC COMMONS AT SALISBURY UNIVERSITY**

**SALISBURY, Md. – March, 2015** – Delmarva Veteran Builders, the region’s only commercial construction firm dedicated to bringing employment to U.S. Armed Forces Veterans, announced it has been contracted by Gilbane Inc. to provide general trades on the new Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Common (GAC). At 224,071 square feet, the \$111.4 million facility will be the largest academic building in Salisbury University history. The space will be home to the University’s new library, classroom, research and study space.

“Delmarva Veteran Builders is eager to be on board with Gillbane to work on an institutional structure with such a large project scope and one primed to receive maximum exposure,” said Chris Eccleston, Delmarva Veteran Builders. “Upon completion, the new library will be open and accessible to more than 200,000 community residents from Maryland’s four Lower Shore counties in addition to the Salisbury University campus.”

Delmarva Veteran Builders has been hired to complete the general trades package for this project. Our scope includes all the doors, frames, and hardware for the entire building as well as many of the specialties inside the building. We are also supply a veteran led workforce for the many general labor requirements of a project of this size.

“The progress of the project is going well so far thanks to the assistance we are receiving in general labor from Delmarva Veteran Builders,” said Noah Grube, Gillbane Project Engineer. “A project this big requires many people on site at the same time and Chris is making that happen. We also appreciate and support his mission in hiring Veterans to do the job.”

Located on the site of the demolished Caruthers Hall, the GAC is nearly four times larger (and twice as tall) than Blackwell library, and will be visible from all parts of main campus. According to SU’s Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network, the construction project is expected to have a regional impact of some \$238 million and support some 350 jobs in the local area. The GAC is scheduled to open in fall 2016.