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## New U.S. Embassy Compound Completed

- KCCT is pleased to announce completion of the U.S. Embassy Compound in Valletta, Malta. Constructed by American International Contractors, Inc. (AICI-SP) the new 9,100 square meter facility consists of eight buildings including the Chancery, three compound access control buildings, marine quarters, and utility, warehouse, and recreation facilities on a four hectare site.
- The site plan is organized around Bronze Age and Roman archeological remains discovered during excavations. Findings include carved tombs, water tanks, and granaries. A central stone garden (shown bottom right) features several of these rare structures. Other archeological finds were documented and remain buried for protection from deterioration. Approximately two thirds of the site is designed as a xeriscape, with the remainder utilizing native plant species adapted to minimum water consumption. Large underground cisterns capture rainwater on the site for irrigation and other non-potable uses.
- Building orientation responds to Malta's Mediterranean climate. Sun exposure is carefully controlled using exterior sun shades, canopies, and covered walkways. A planned photovoltaic system mounted on parking canopies will be constructed in a second phase.
- The tiered three-story Chancery uses local Maltese limestone and mahogany granite. Ancillary buildings are buff colored stucco. The material selection complement's Valletta's landscape and vernacular architecture.
- The project team includes Principals, John Chapman, AIA and Paul Phillips, AIA, LEED® AP, Project Designer, Daniel Lavoie, and Construction Administrator, Shokouh Amin-Khalilian, LEED® AP, CDT.



Chancery Building



Central Stone Garden with Archeological Remains

### About KCCT Architects

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