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Oregon constructing \$65M science building in Eugene

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The University of Oregon is constructing a big building where researchers will be studying the smallest structures of the human brain. But it won't be all brain research at the \$65 million Lewis Integrative Science Building. There also will be space for programs covering molecular biology, nanotechnology and solar energy.

The five-story building will be at the main entrance to the campus in Eugene, not far from the Matthew Knight Arena and the Ford Alumni Center, which are also under construction.

Construction crews started work in August on the 100,000-square-foot building and this week are expected to pour a concrete footing for a tower crane that will be erected later this month.

Crews are nearly finished with the mass excavation and are continuing with hard-rock chipping, footing excavation and below-slab plumbing and electrical rough-in, which are slated for completion by mid-month.

Wall footing work is scheduled to begin later this week. Crews are expected to start the above-grade structure by year end and top it out in April of 2011.



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The Lewis Integrative Science Building will be adjacent to Deschutes Hall.

When the cast-in-place concrete building opens in the fall of 2012, it will have strategic research clusters consisting of laboratory, office and collaboration spaces. There will be 46 faculty offices, 10 meeting spaces, and offices for graduate and post-doctoral students.

The building was designed to LEED platinum specifications, with elements such as a green roof. The university's website says the school will pursue certification only if funds are available.

The architects are HDR Architecture and THA Architecture of Portland.

Lease Crutcher Lewis' Portland office is the project's construction manager/general contractor. It is seeking subbids for the \$46 million bid package 2, which covers construction of the building.

A Lewis representative said her firm will likely bid on the carpentry portion of package 2, which has a bid date of Nov. 11. Major subs already on board include Oregon Electric and Alliant Systems.

For more information on bid package No. 2, see the notice in the Oct. 25 DJC.



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