

Max Planck selects construction manager

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The Weitz Co. and **DPR Construction** have been selected as construction manager to build the **Max Planck Florida Institute's** 100,000-square-foot biomedical research facility at **Florida Atlantic University's** MacArthur Campus in Jupiter.

The joint partnership of Weitz and DPR was also responsible for building the 350,000-square-foot Scripps Florida campus, which is adjacent to the Max Planck Florida site.

Construction is expected to begin next spring, and is scheduled for completion by fall 2011.

Research at the Max Planck Florida Institute will focus on bioimaging. The institute plans to collaborate with Scripps Florida on health-oriented research applications.

The nonprofit German research group signed a deal to receive \$188 million from the state and Palm Beach County, with the hope that it will boost Florida's biotechnology industry.

The institute conducted a national search for firms to lead the construction of its facility.

Weitz is a national general contractor, design-builder and construction manager with 25 offices in the U.S. and Guam, including Florida offices in West Palm Beach and Hollywood.

DPR Construction is a national commercial general contractor with 15 offices around the country, including one that opened last year in West Palm Beach.