

DPR, Weitz JV selected as CM for Max Planck Florida

COMPANIES ■ Partners will be construction manager for research institute's 100,000 S.F. biomed research facility on Florida Atlantic University's MacArthur Campus in Jupiter

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A joint venture partnership of DPR Construction Inc. and The Weitz Co. LLC has been selected as the construction manager to build a 100,000 square foot biomedical research facility for the Max Planck Florida Institute at the MacArthur Campus of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Jupiter, Fla.

The Weitz-DPR team also managed construction of the 350,000 square foot Scripps Florida campus, which opened in February adjacent to the Max Planck site.

Germany's Max Planck Society is an independent, non-profit scientific research organization with an annual operating budget of \$1.8 billion and 81 institutes located through the European Union and now in the United States.

Des Moines, Iowa-based Weitz Co. is a 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. Redwood City, Calif.-based DPR Construction is a national commercial general contractor with 15 offices around the country, including a West Palm Beach, Fla., office that opened last year.

Washington, D.C.-based Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects, LLP is the architect for the Max Planck facility. Chicago-based Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Inc., a financial and professional services firm, serves as the program manager that will oversee development and construction.

In March 2008, Max Planck Florida Corp. entered into an agreement with the Florida Governor's Office of Tourism Trade & Economic

Development (OTTED) for \$94 million from the Innovation Incentive Fund. In July 2008, the Board of Palm Beach County Commissioners unanimously approved the allocation of \$86.9 million to build and operate a 100,000 square foot facility on six acres on FAU's MacArthur campus in Jupiter.

Construction on the Max Planck Florida Institute is expected to begin in the Spring 2010, and is scheduled for completion by Fall 2011.

Skanska selected for next phase of \$700 million CUNY science complex

NEW YORK – The local office of Stockholm, Sweden-based Skanska AB has been selected as the construction manager for the next phase of construction for a planned \$700 million, multi-building office and lab project at City University of New York in Upper Manhattan. The overall project, which is to be completed by 2015, is to include a new science building and a two-building Advanced Science Research Center (ASRC).

Previously, Skanska completed about \$83 million worth of pre-construction and extensive earthwork at the site. Now, the new \$59 million contract involves the construction of footings and foundations, as well as the structural steel work for two office/laboratory buildings totaling about 389,000 square feet.

One building is to be a five-story, 189,000 square foot ASRC research facility, which is to provide space research and development (R&D) labs and supporting spaces. The other structure is to be a five-story, 200,000 square foot CUNY Science Building, which is to provide space for research and teaching labs predominantly in

the areas of biology, chemistry and physics.

Plans call for the buildings to be designed and constructed as separate entities, but they are to be built simultaneously with shared core science facilities and amenities.

CUNY and its architects are seeking certification for the project under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the U.S. Green Building Council. The architects are Madison, Wis.-based Flad & Associates Inc. and New York-based Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates.

A future, phase two ASRC building would add about 215,000 square feet, bringing the ASRC portion of the project to about 404,000 square feet. Combined with the science building, the three-building complex would total more than 600,000 square feet.

Skanska also recently signed a \$220 million contract to be the construction manager for the new Nemours Children's Hospital campus in Orlando, Fla. Site work for that project was scheduled to begin in June with a completion slated for June 2012.

The architects are Atlanta-based Stanley Beaman & Sears and Chicago-based Perkins+Will Inc.

Boston's DTZ FHO Partners recognized for Biogen Idec lease deal for new HQ

BOSTON – DTZ FHO Partners has received the 2008 Suburban Office Deal of the Year Achievement Award from the Commercial Brokers Association of Massachusetts. Joseph Fallon, Brian Hines and Ted Lyon from DTZ FHO Partners were recognized

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