

## New innovation campus extends K-State's bioscience leadership to Kansas City and around the world

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Kansas City, Mo. – Backed by 360 Architecture's design expertise, Kansas State University has unveiled a new bioscience campus and research institute in suburban Kansas City.

The project was initiated through a land grant from the city of Olathe and is part of a new 92-acre research park aimed at making the area one of the top bioscience hubs in the nation. The goal for K-State was to create a campus with facilities that advanced and capitalized on new discoveries in animal health and global food safety.

The \$28 million International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute is the first building on the K-State Olathe Innovation Campus. Designed by 360 Architecture in association with The Weitz Company as the design-build contractor for the development, the institute is expected to attract top students, researchers and entrepreneurs, as well as develop a strong workforce and bring new investment to the community.

The 360 Architecture / Weitz Company team delivered the building through a deeply integrated approach that met the fast-track schedule. Groundbreaking was in mid-November 2009, and construction was completed on time for the grand opening in April.

Dan Richardson, chief executive officer of the K-State Olathe Innovation Campus praised the building, saying it "is compatible with its surroundings and sensitive to the environment. It is also flexible, multifunctional, and a wonderful learning and research environment."

The 108,000 square-foot facility features a V-shaped roof and a limestone-clad chimney that create a distinctive and welcoming front door to the campus. 360 Architecture master planned the 38-acre campus, integrating it into the research park and establishing a strong foothold in the Kansas City marketplace for K State.

Inside, the institute offers exceptionally flexible classrooms, labs, food-production facilities, and a variety of conferencing areas and informal meeting space. By facilitating interactivity and collaboration, the building extends the possibilities of learning and research while supporting partnerships with public and private business, allowing new discoveries to be brought to market efficiently and effectively.

LEED® Silver certification is anticipated for the institute based on its extensive sustainability features. Much of the material in the building is from the region, and 95 percent of waste was recycled during construction. To maximize energy efficiency, the building uses high-performance systems and glazing, ample daylighting, roofing that reduces heat islands and insulated precast panels, among other solutions. Landscaping and other strategies conserve water resources. Low VOC adhesives and sealants, minimal CFC-based refrigerants, and no sheetrock on the perimeter walls greatly reduce the building's air-borne pollutants.

The building is also available to local high schools for special programs and workshops.

360 Architecture principal David Rezac, who led the project for the firm, said, "This project is a perfect example of how communication, technology and integrated teamwork can result in a highly successful product for the owner and everyone involved."

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