

## **UC Regents approve Santa Monica architectural firm to design addition to Center for Molecular Genetics**

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### **UC REGENTS APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL FIRM TO DESIGN ADDITION TO CENTER FOR MOLECULAR GENETICS**

A Santa Monica architectural firm was selected today by the University of California Board of Regents to design the Molecular Biology Research Facility, Unit III, on the University of California, San Diego campus.

The Regents approved appointment of Lee, Burkhart, and Liu Architects to provide architectural services for the \$31.5 million addition to the Center for Molecular Genetics/Molecular Biology Research Facility Unit II research complex.

The Unit III addition will provide 52,000 assignable square feet of space for the expansion of five research programs in the UCSD School of Medicine: Molecular and Cellular Medicine, Human Genetics, the Cancer Center, the Institute for Research on Aging, and the Center for Human Reproduction.

Design consultant to Lee, Burkhart and Liu on the building will be Moore, Ruble, Yudell Architects and Planners of Santa Monica, the firm which designed the MBRF II addition to the Center for Molecular Genetics. Their selection will integrate the addition into the design work already completed, giving the University a coherently designed facility, noted M.Boone Hellmann, assistant vice chancellor, Facilities Design and Construction.

Lee, Burkhart, Liu, a minority firm, has done work for a number of universities and health care centers including the UCLA Venice Dental Center, the Los Angeles Zoo Animal Health Research Center and the UCLA Ahmanson Bio Chemical Imaging Center.

Addition of Unit III to the Center for Molecular Genetics/Molecular Biology Research Facility II will establish a major molecular medical research facility on the UCSD campus, Hellmann noted.

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