

Work Moves Ahead at TTC's BA Campus

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Even as water coated the floors and dripped from the steel skeletons of three massive new buildings being erected at Tulsa Technology Center's Broken Arrow Campus, 4600 S. Olive Ave., Flintco Project Manager Brett Venable said the season's copious inclement weather had little effect on progress. "Right now we are 35 to 40 percent complete," Venable said. "We're running a couple of weeks behind at the moment, but we'll make it up, plus some, when we get the roofs on." Not bad, considering Flintco wasn't the original construction management firm on the project. "When Tulsa Technology Center elected to release their original construction manager several months into the project, they approached Flintco to join their team based on our relationship from the recent Lemley Campus project. We eagerly partnered again with TTC and successfully brought the project within budget with no delays to the original completion date," said Dave Kollmann, President of Flintco.

The \$40 million complex, slated for completion June 12, 2010, will house TTC's transportation programs, including medium- and heavy-duty truck repair technology, automotive service technology, auto preventive maintenance technology and motorcycle and power products technology, some of which are currently housed at the BA campus' existing 135,000-SF of classrooms, others on the school's Lemley Campus, 3420 S. Memorial Drive. Tony Heaberlin, Public Relations Coordinator at TTC, said consolidating the programs in the new annex is part of a 10-year plan. "This is part of a master plan that would see the old buildings at the Lemley campus demolished," Heaberlin said. "We just opened the health sciences building at Lemley, we're going to finish BA, start construction on our Owasso campus and then look at redeveloping that whole Memorial corridor."

The new buildings, designed by Matrix Architects and Engineers and totaling 241,000-SF, consist of two single-story classroom and laboratory wings and a two-story administration building. The labs are enormous open spaces which Venable said will be equipped with large bay doors and specially-designed ventilation systems to evacuate fumes and exhaust. While the lab spaces are technically interesting, the aesthetic draw of the addition will lay in the administration building, which will feature an enormous glass-curtain wall along the front side. The building will include administrative offices, a full service kitchen, bookstore, conference rooms and space for future expansion. The area has also been extensively landscaped, and will include several retention ponds connected by a series of creeks, as well as a large water feature in front of the administration building.