

Facility Report

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User Offices in Building 535

The much awaited office/lab spaces for the NSLS users in Building 535, became available early this year. The move of our users from their offices on the third floor of Building 510 and the second floor of Building 129, to Building 535, began in the late spring and is presently about two thirds completed with some twenty-five office/labs having been assigned and/or occupied. We have received some very positive feedback from the individuals affected by the move with regard to their new environment and it's proximity to the NSLS facility. Building 535 is connected via tunnel to the NSLS experimental floor, which makes it a much more convenient location for our users, and it serves to consolidate the community back into one main area again. We expect to be completed with the moves over the next several months.

Building 725 Second Floor Addition

The NSLS has received GPP funding from BNL to construct a second floor addition to building 725. The addition of approximately 9,000 sq. ft. above existing laboratories on the west side of the building, will house some 17 office/lab spaces, a conference room, a kitchen/mail room, men's and woman's toilet facilities, and two large open landscape areas which can be partitioned off into smaller flexible spaces. This project will provide critically needed space for our users, which will put them within close proximity to their experiments. It is another step toward our continuing goal of improving the quality of life for our users. The new addition will also provide much needed office space for existing NSLS user support staff who can not be presently accommodated in building 725. Construction is planned to begin in the spring/summer of 2002 and should take approximately one year to complete.

New General User Lab

Construction of a new General User laboratory in room 1-110, which began in FY2001 has been completed this past fall. Equipped with standard lab furnishings, including fume hood, sinks and de-ionized water, the lab is located in the northeast corner of the experimental floor, adjacent to the NSLS Library/User Lounge. This brings the total up to five General User

labs available to our research community in Building 725.

Lobby Upgrades

Upgrades have been made to the video wall in the main lobby of Building 725. The original matrix of nine 25" CRT video screens, used for displaying highlights of the facility, machine parameters for the X-ray and VUV rings, video presentations and events telecast from Berkner Hall, has been replaced with new flat screen technology. The new system is PC driven, which also enables us to display Web based images and information, as well as CD-Roms. The lobby touch screen directory located to the left when entering the front entrance is slated for the next upgrade.

Bicycle Lending Program

The Laboratory has instituted a new, enhanced bicycle-lending program for our Collaborators, Guests and Students. This project will be overseen by the BNL Quality of Life / Guest Services Group. The NSLS has made an initial purchase of five (5) bicycles that are available on a first come, first serve basis. A \$275 deposit fee will be held as collateral for the duration of time a bicycle is signed out to a particular person or group, to be returned upon receipt of the bicycle in good condition. As demand warrants, we will expand our present fleet to meet the needs of our visitors.

Acquisition of Buildings 820A & 820B

The NSLS Department has added two new buildings to its complex, over the past year. Buildings 820A and 820B, previously occupied by BNL's Physics and CAD Departments have now become storage facilities for the NSLS. The acquisition of these two areas has given the NSLS some greatly needed warehouse space, enabling us to consolidate our materials and equipment which until now have been scattered around the BNL site in trailers, storage containers, basements, and wherever else we were able to find a place to store things. A good deal of our equipment will also be moved out of "temporary" storage at Building 209, belonging to BNL's PPM Division.