Currently, the UM project team is evaluating the bids and it is hoped that a project contract will be awarded before the end of March. With this in mind we could see construction activities begin in early April. During April entrances from GG Brown to the north will be closed and minor parking space losses will occur in the GG Brown parking lot. After commencement we will see the construction site fenced in and the entire GG Brown parking lot closed. Construction completion anticipated for May, 2014.

We are getting closer to a construction start on the GG Brown Addition. Bids were opened on March 8th. Six general contractors submitted pricing for the project and all were favorable.

PML Addition

Construction work for the renovation of the 2nd level and addition to PML got off to a great start this fall and winter. With the mild weather the contractor has made great progress to date and we should see structural steel beginning to arrive on site soon. The planned date of completion for this project was April 2013 but it may come early if the current level of work continues.
The Green Laboratory Operations for Sustainability (GLOS) Recognition Program developed by the Office of Campus Sustainability (OCS) is designed to promote standardized sustainable operations in University of Michigan Laboratories. Once the recommendations are implemented by the laboratory, the facility will be formally recognized as a UM Sustainable Laboratory. All recognized laboratories are presented with a Certificate of Recognition and will be featured on the OCS web site, http://www.ocs.umich.edu/sustainablelabs.shtml

Partnering with laboratory faculty and staff, current practices are being evaluated and recommendations are provided for implementation. The areas to cover include but not limited to: Green Chemistry, Source reduction, Product substitution, Microscale processing, Green Purchasing, Reuse and recycling, Selective treatment, Disposal. For details, visit: http://www.ocs.umich.edu/labs.shtml

Implementation of the program will result in the following improvements:
- Standardized operations in teaching and research laboratories
- Reduction in waste and conservation of energy and utilities
- Increased reuse and recycling activities
- Improved safety for laboratory faculty, staff and students

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CoE continues to move faculty & GSRAs into NCRC. The BioInterfaces Institute, consisting of faculty from CoE, Medical School, Dentistry & Pharmacy has begun to occupy building #26. To date professor Lahan (ChE), Professor Kotov (ChE), Professor Kim (MSE) & Professor Hart (ME) have occupied lab & office space in NCRC. Other CoE faculty associated with the Biointerfaces Institute will move this spring. Also, Professor Nagrath (ChE) has moved her lab & planning is underway for a new BME faculty member and for EMAL to occupy space in NCRC.

Phil Solomon will present his three-channel installation “American Falls”, which Art Forum critic Tony Pipolo describes as a “work epic in conception and form... (and that) anyone still touched by the poetic viability of the avant-garde should not miss an opportunity to see it.” Solomon will be in attendance for a program of his own 16mm films and videos presented as part of the 50th Ann Arbor Film Festival, in the Michigan Theater on Friday, March 30th. American Falls will be on exhibition at the University of Michigan School of Art & Design’s Work • Ann Arbor gallery from March 25 - April 2.