

What's New

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BE&K Building Group Awarded \$45 Million Research and Academic Center for University of Florida

The BE&K Building Group has been awarded a \$45 million contract from the University of Florida (UF) for construction of a Research and Academic Center in Orlando. Sited within the 600-acre Lake Nona Science & Technology Park, this investment by Gainesville-based UF represents the university's first building program in Central Florida. The facility is designed to achieve LEED Gold Certification or higher. The BE&K Building Group's Orlando office is providing construction management at risk services for the project — our second major project at the development known as the Medical City at Lake Nona.



The University of Florida's four-story, 100,000-square-foot facility will neighbor the Burnham Institute for Medical Research's state-of-the-art research center, completed by the BE&K Building Group earlier this year. Our same team will begin work at the adjacent University of Florida site this fall. The architect of record for UF's Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona is HOK. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) engineer is Affiliated Engineers, Inc. (AEI).

Mark Hefferin, executive vice president and business unit leader for the BE&K Building Group's Orlando office, commented, "This is our first project for the University of Florida and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue building at the Medical City at Lake Nona. This was truly a group effort. The entire office is buzzing with excitement!"

About the BE&K Building Group — The BE&K Building Group, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a prominent construction services firm with an established track record for serving commercial, healthcare, industrial, and institutional clients throughout the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and South Central regions. The BE&K Building Group, which has commercial operations in eight locations, is the exclusive construction arm of KBR, a leading U.S. based engineering, construction and services company.

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