



New ESL Built by Its Alumni

As rapid growth of the ElectroScience Laboratory continues, it is clear that additional workspace is needed to supplement the building at 1320 Kinnear Road that has served as the ESL's home for over 50 years. After several years of effort, a plan is in place both to renovate current space and to add a new building containing over 45,000ft² of additional laboratory, office, and commercial space.

Currently, a \$1 million state-funded renovation of 1320 Kinnear Road is underway and scheduled to be completed in 2005. This improvement will provide enhanced common working areas and enable the existing building to continue as a quality workspace for the foreseeable future.

At the same time, the College of Engineering has agreed to proceed with construction of the new facility to be built between the existing parking lot and Kinnear Road. In addition to new university space for offices, computing facilities, a multimedia library, and conference and classrooms, this new building will offer rentable commercial space for corporations that wish to have a close working relationship with ESL and the College of Engineering. To highlight ESL's 50-year history and honor its many distinguished alumni and faculty, the new building will also include a historical display area and a Hall of Fame bridge linking the new facility with the existing building. The detailed design of the new building is currently in progress with construction to begin in 2006.

The estimated cost of the ESL portion of the planned new building is \$3.6 million. Although The College of Engineering is contributing more than \$1 million, \$2.2 million of the total amount is made up of generous alumni donations that were essential before planning could proceed. Additional alumni and corporate sponsors have also expressed interest in providing financial contributions that will guarantee the success of this project and ensure the preeminence of ESL research for decades to come.

