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Fact Sheet: The ESU Science & Technology Center

The History

July 31, 2000, ESU President Robert J. Dillman secured \$7.6 million in matching funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and a \$6 million commitment from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Academic Facilities Renovation Program (AFRP) to finance the Science and Technology Center.

September 28, 2000, ESU Council of Trustees, chaired by L. Patrick Ross, approved the financing for the Center to match the \$7.6 million from the Commonwealth with a \$3.6 million bond and a \$4 million capital campaign.

January 28, 2002, then Pennsylvania Governor Mark Schweiker announced the release of \$13.6 million in state funds toward the ESU Science and Technology Center.

March 9, 2002, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter announced that ESU would receive a \$500,000 federal grant for the project.

July 1, 2004, ESU's Office of University Advancement begins the quiet phase of *Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality: The Comprehensive Campaign for East Stroudsburg University*.

The Science and Technology Center is the cornerstone of this \$15 million Comprehensive Campaign which will also raise funds for the Annual Fund, Athletic Facilities Renovation, Endowment (scholarships), and the Fine and Performing Arts Endowment.

April 28, 2006, the official groundbreaking ceremony symbolizes the transition from vision to reality. ESU has far exceeded the 50% mark in its Comprehensive Campaign due to historically generous gifts from alumni, friends and corporate supporters.

The Building

The Science and Technology Center will be the first new major academic building constructed at East Stroudsburg University since 1979.

Demolition of existing buildings has taken place; construction has begun with a projected completion date of fall 2008.

The new facility will accommodate diverse academic departments such as mathematics, computer sciences, chemistry, biology, biotechnology, and physics.

The 124,000 square-foot-structure will accommodate more than 1,110 students and will include: 17 teaching laboratories; 9 research laboratories; 5,000 square feet of other laboratory space; 9 classrooms; a planetarium, wild life museum; multi-use, 200 seat auditorium, rooftop observatory; large reception area; and faculty offices.

The building and its academic mission have been identified as a potential stimulant for regional economic growth and development.

The university's three major goals for this facility are to:

- increase collaboration among academic programs;
- prepare its students for jobs of the 21st century and the use of technology that they require and;
- provide the region and nation with a well-educated workforce.

With the addition of the Science and Technology Center to our campus, ESU will be poised to provide our corporate partners with greater access to qualified interns, highly skilled employees, our expert faculty, opportunities for collaborative industry-university projects, and educational programs to meet the needs of area professionals.