

Going green midway through the process

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features in the BRB took approximately two to three months to complete. Construction on the building shell and site work continued uninterrupted, minimizing any potential adverse impact to the project schedule and budget. The multiple benefits derived include:

- Substantial future energy and maintenance cost savings.
- A LEED certified building.
- The creation of a standard of excellence for

future research buildings.

■ The support and advancement of our professional responsibilities for environmental stewardship.

These and so many additional positive outcomes certainly justified the university's decision to go green midway through the process.

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NEW PROJECTS

Xceleron Inc., new U.S. headquarters, Germantown, Md.

■ Budget: \$2.88 million.

■ Size: 10,000 ft².

■ Project team: Facility Logix, Columbia, Md. (project management); DNC Architects, Rockville, Md. (architect and interior design); Schlenger-Pitz & Associates, Timonium, Md. (MEP engineer); Structura-SDG, Rockville (structural engineering); DataWatch, Bethesda, Md. (security); VenAmerica Communications, Olney, Md. (telecommunications); Riparius Construction, Hunt Valley, Md. (contractor).

■ Completion date: April 2008.

■ Description: Single-story interior lab and office fit-out serves U.K.-based contract research organization. Facility will serve as U.S. headquarters for Xceleron's pioneering use of accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) for Phase Zero testing of client pharmaceutical candidates and enhanced Phase I approaches including META-ID, drug metabolite profiling and absolute bioavailability studies. GLP-compliant labs support sample prep, radioisotope studies, HPLC, graphitization, and the featured AMS instrumentation. Laboratories are arranged in a linear, process-driven layout that enables visitors and clients to follow the steps as samples are prepared and analyzed. The AMS is prominently displayed at the main entry and reception area.

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