

Small Construction Project to Begin in June

Construction work to expand the cooling system of the Solar Energy Research Facility (SERF) is expected to begin in early June. The expansion on the east side of the building requires removing existing exterior walls and adding 1,350 square feet for new equipment.

“Not only will the project expand the cooling capacity for the SERF, but

it will also house future heating and cooling equipment for the new Science & Technology Facility (S&TF),” said Ed Szydlek, the project engineer. “This is a fundamental building block of the S&TF.”

The RMA Group was selected as the project subcontractor. Sometime in the next 30-60 days, the subcontractor will bring in a 140-ton crane to assist

with wall construction and to position a new chiller for the cooling system. The crane will work from a location behind and east of SERF and will only be on the site when it is needed for specific tasks.

For additional information about the project, please contact Kerry Masson, Director of Outreach and Public Affairs at 303-275-4083.



Architect's model of S&TF Facility

The 71,000 sq. ft. Science & Technology Facility is a multi-level facility that will accommodate offices and research laboratories. Located adjacent to the east side of the Solar Energy Research Facility, it will support research in photovoltaics, hydrogen production and storage, and electrochromic window technologies. Construction could begin as early as the fall of 2004.

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