



GH Phipps announces five new education projects

by Jennifer Hayes

GH Phipps Construction Cos. recently was awarded five new projects for educational institutions in Colorado, including renovations on the Auraria campus and the University of Colorado.

The company was awarded the new Fifth Street Parking Structure at Auraria Higher Education Center, where the firm also is working on the Community College of Denver's Confluence Building and the Metro State Backfill Project.

The new parking structure involves a garage that holds more than 1,200 stalls plus ground-level retail space. Phipps is providing construction management/general contractor services as well as work on the first-level core and shell space for campus services and the routing of a duct bank to the site.

Work on the \$17 million parking structure, at Fifth and Walnut streets, is set to start in mid-May with work continuing for approximately 12 months. Pahl Architecture is the designer on the project.

Phipps also is working on the University of Colorado's Ekeley Sciences Building in Boulder. The firm originally won the two-phase, \$9.2 million renovation in 2008, but it was put on hold when funding dried up.



Rendering courtesy of RTA Architects

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With new funding available, the project is set to begin at the end of the spring semester. Work includes renovating more than 22,000 sf in the building's basement and sub-basement, and installing fume hoods and research lab equipment. The design team on the 14-month project includes Abo Architects and laboratory specialists Pel-sue Architecture with The RMH Group Engineers.

GH Phipps will start work this summer on two projects for Jefferson High School in Edgewater. The projects, which total just over \$2 million, include replac-

ing roofing and the HVAC system, and general updates to the school. SHP Leading Design is the architect for the projects.

Calhan PK-12 School will receive a new entry addition and renovations. GH Phipps will perform the work during June and July, which will upgrade and modernize a building that serves all grade levels in the district. The project team includes RTA Architects and Vanir Construction Management.

The \$1.6 million project is funded by the BEST grant program, which helps smaller or

rural school districts with a limited tax base to upgrade and replace facilities that the districts could otherwise not fund.

The firm also is working on the expansion and addition of chillers and cooling towers at the Kepner, Guggenheim, Carter and Crabb Halls on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

The \$3 million project will add or improve air-conditioning in four classroom buildings in the center of the UNC campus. Work is anticipated to be complete in April 2014. ▲