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GH Phipps set to start work on Highlands, Botanic projects

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GH Phipps Construction Cos. is set to start construction this month on a \$12.25 million project in the growing West Highlands neighborhood – one of several projects the full-service construction manager/general contractor recently was awarded in Colorado.

Construction will start mid-month on Highland Place, a 117,000-square-foot mixed-use project at West 38th Avenue and Julian Street. Highland Place includes below-grade and ground-level parking totaling 127 spaces, 11,182 sf of ground-level retail and 68 residences on two levels.

Kephart is the architect for the project, which is being developed by Allante Properties and slated for build out in 12 months.

GH Phipps also was awarded the Richardson Hall renovation and addition for Adams State University.

The \$16.9 million, 67,000-sf, design-build project includes renovating the Alamosa campus's oldest building, constructed in 1925, which houses an auditorium, museum and department offices.

GH Phipps teamed with OZ Architecture for the project, which is expected to start construction in December or January and last a year.

The firm also was awarded two projects at the Denver Botanic Gardens: a new Science Pyramid and Le Potager Café.

Burkett Design is the design-build partner on the projects, totaling approximately \$6.5 million, expected to be complete in May.



Rendering courtesy of Burkett Design

A new Science Pyramid is one of two projects GH Phipps Construction Cos. was awarded at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

GH Phipps also was awarded Auraria Higher Education Center's new Fifth Street parking structure. Work on the 350,000-square-foot garage that comprises 922 stalls on four levels plus retail space on the ground level started in July with work expected to last 14 months. Pahl Architecture is the designer of the garage, located at Fifth and Walnut streets, sited near the campus's existing Elm Lot.

The garage represents another project for GH Phipps on the Auraria campus, where it recently completed the Community

College of Denver's Confluence Building and the Metro State Backfill project.

Additionally, GH Phipps also completed work on the Cabela's Lone Tree store along Interstate 25 at RidgeGate Parkway, which opened in August.

The \$11 million project comprises 110,000 sf and features a lodglike exterior. The interior features numerous mounted animals, a waterfall, aquarium, vaulted sky-lit ceiling and hand-painted mural. The firm also performed on-site improvements required for RidgeGate Com-

mons, for which Cabela's serves as an anchor retailer.

GH Phipps also completed construction for Northwestern Mutual's west Denver office building in Lakewood. It was designed by Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture. The firm, along with RNL Design, also renovated, repurposed and upgraded spaces in existing interior departments, offices and classrooms at several Metro State buildings, including the Administration, King, Central, West, Arts and Plaza buildings in Metro State's backfill project.▲