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UConn Celebrates the Opening of the new Engineering and Science Building



STORRS, CT - On June 11, Gov. Dannel Malloy, UConn President Susan Herbst, students, faculty, and industry partners are gathering at the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus to celebrate the opening of the new, five-story Engineering & Science Building. The state-of-the-art facility designed by Mitchell Giurgola provides a home for some of the University's most rapidly growing research fields, accommodating a wide range of wet and dry engineering and science research. The building was designed to meet the University's stringent sustainability goals, to achieve LEED Silver Certification, and to comply with the Connecticut High Performance Building Standards.

Nestled in a tight site surrounded by traditional masonry buildings characteristic of the UConn campus, the glass building was designed as a dramatic, contemporary counterpoint. Mitchell Giurgola Partner John Doherty comments: "The variety and abundance of engineering and genomics work under one roof is worthy of an audience. We were excited by the opportunity to put this research on display to heighten engagement with the casual passerby and ultimately the rest of the University. It is our hope that the design of the transparent building will not only enrich the experience of the users within but also enliven and energize the core of the campus."

The building is the first of its kind on the UConn's Storrs campus to utilize the "open lab" plan design concept, an uncommon paradigm in engineering research labs today. "The open lab model will not only provide flexibility for future changes in space assignments but also help facilitate and encourage productive collaborations across a variety of diverse research disciplines," states the project's laboratory design partner James Braddock.

For more information, including a video of the completed facility, please visit Mitchell Giurgola's website: www.mitchellgiurgola.com/news

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Project Information

Floors: 5
Total Gross Size: 118,000 GSF

Project Team

Architect: Mitchell Giurgola
MEP / FP: Bard, Rao + Athanas
Consulting Engineers
Structural: Severud Associates
Landscape: Dirtworks, PC
Construction Manager: Fusco
Corporation

About Mitchell Giurgola

Mitchell Giurgola was formed in 1958 and established an office for general practice in New York City in 1968. The firm has been widely recognized for design excellence, particularly for contextual, complex projects. Since its inception, the firm has been responsible for the construction of more than 125 buildings whose total value exceeds \$1.7 billion. The practice offers a comprehensive range of architectural services with a strong emphasis on technically complex building design.

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