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## **Suffolk Construction awarded Suffolk University 110,000 s/f academic building project**

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Suffolk Construction has been selected to manage construction of the academic building at Suffolk University. The \$49 million, 110,000 s/f facility will consist of general teaching classrooms, science classrooms, a student art gallery, faculty offices, a 200-seat dining facility, and various support spaces. Featuring 1,100 classroom seats, the building will stand 10 stories high with eight levels above grade and two levels below grade.

The Suffolk team will utilize Virtual Design and Construction and Lean Construction techniques to efficiently deliver the project, which is scheduled for completion July 2015. Suffolk is partnering with architect firm NBBJ. Leggat McCall Properties is the owner's project manager and The Aspen Group is the owner's representative.

Prior to commencement of construction on the new facility, the Suffolk project team will oversee demolition of the existing 10-story, Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) brick and masonry building. Several historic elements from the MDC building will be incorporated into the new facility. The project will also include the redevelopment of an adjacent, underutilized open space titled Roemer Plaza that will commemorate the history of the MDC and the important work the agency has done on behalf of the Commonwealth.

The academic building marks Suffolk's seventh project with Suffolk University. The most recently completed project for the university was the restoration of the historic modern theatre and new residence hall.

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