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Diversified Project Management retained to renovate 100,000 s/f library

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Diversified Project Management, (DPM), a Hartford-based owner's representative consulting firm, has been retained by Connecticut College for the renovation and expansion of the Charles E. Shain Library building.

As part of a \$9.1 million makeover, the private liberal arts college is renovating the 100,000 s/f library and adding a new, 600 s/f addition to the front entrance and front facade. A 24-hour student cafe with new outdoor patio gathering space will also be added. Renovations inside the building will be focused on collaboration spaces and circulation areas with the mission of creating a more user-friendly study environment with state-of-the-art tools and services for the student body.

DPM project executive, Mark DuPre and senior project planner, Janet Wheeler are providing the onsite support and are working closely with all members of the project team including Schwartz/Silver Architects, Inc. and KBE Building Corporation.

Construction is expected to start later this spring and be finished in the spring of 2015.

This is DPM's second engagement with Connecticut College. Last year, DPM oversaw the renovation of the 25,500 s/f New London Hall and attached 3,200 s/f greenhouse, as well as the construction of a 13,600 s/f addition to the building. Best practices of sustainability were implemented and the college earned LEED NC Gold Certification from the USGBC.

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