

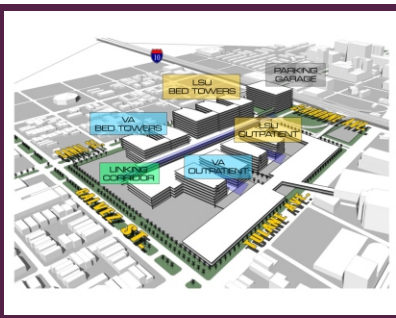
CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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VA preference for downtown location benefits all

The Health Sciences Center joins Governor Blanco, the Division of Administration, the Office of Facility Planning, state and local elected officials, the business community, and health care leaders in hailing last week's announcement by the Veterans Administration of their preference to locate the new hospital in downtown New Orleans. The benefits of partnering with LSU will afford our veterans health care of the highest quality, advance undergraduate and graduate medical education, and boost the economic recovery of our city.



This collaboration will save more than \$400 million to taxpayers over the next 25 years. Additionally, these hospitals will serve as the main anchors for the development of the downtown biomedical district, which will be critical for the future of the New Orleans area.

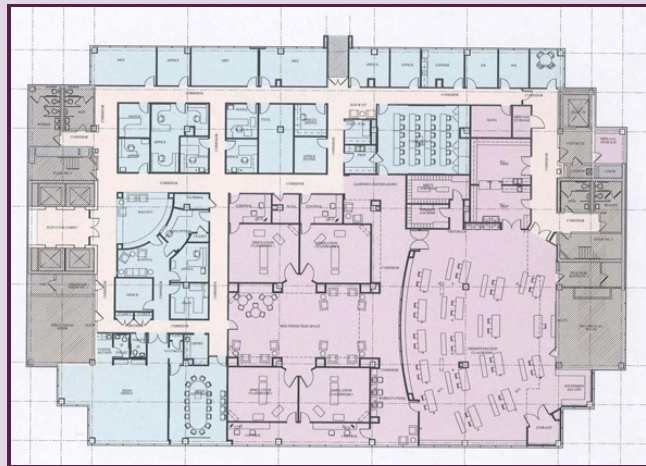
Land acquisition and planning and design continue as the VA works to complete the required environmental impact study.

New multi-million dollar resource under construction

The Center for Advanced Practice, a 20,000 sq. ft. virtual training environment for practicing and resident physicians, is under construction on the fifth floor of 2020 Gravier Street. It is the planned expansion and complement to the nationally renowned Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD Student Learning Center destroyed in the flooding following Katrina. The Center for Advanced Practice, dedicated to innovative, multidisciplinary, simulation-based education, will contain 4 simulation



suites that can be configured as operating rooms, ICUs, recovery rooms, or radiology suites as well as many other



settings for training scenarios. The Center will also house a 32-station demonstration laboratory and new-era human patient simulation technology that provides the most

- advanced and flexible learning capability available today as well as conference rooms and multifunction space. The Center will occupy the entire 5th floor.

- The \$6 million project is being funded through private donations of capital and in-kind gifts. Two and a half million dollars of equipment has been purchased or is on order.
- Construction is expected to be completed by December or early January.

LSUHSC cancer program lauded nationally

The Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program in our School of Public Health directed by Donna Williams has been honored by the Centers for Disease Control. It was recognized for "Outstanding Program Success and Support of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program."



- Of the 68 such programs in states, tribes and territories, only six received this award given for the first time this year.
- Well done!