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NIST Grant # 60NANB10D031 WHOI Project Number 49003100 Laboratory of Ocean Sensors and Observing Systems (LOSOS) Progress Report 6 – 2nd Quarter 2011 Date: July 5, 2011.

#### **Overall Project Baseline**

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) received funding from NIST to construct a Laboratory for Ocean Sensors and Observing Systems (LOSOS). LOSOS will be an interdisciplinary center for scientists and engineers developing the next generation of sensors and supporting technology for ocean observation. It will specifically support the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), the Martha's Vineyard Coastal Observatory (MVCO), the Ocean Bottom Seismometer Instrument Pool (OBSIP) and the Environmental Sample Processor (ESP) lab. The current planning provides for a 26,600 sq. ft. building on the WHOI Quissett Campus which will incorporate all of the scientific disciplines noted above. All aspects of the building function and operation, including sustainability and green construction will be thoroughly reviewed and updated throughout the project.

#### **Update of Significant Results in Period**

The design team completed the full construction documents on April 15. Early bid packages for the site work and structural steel were solicited in mid April and were received in early May. The preliminary certificate of compliance was received from the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) on 5/17. In April, WHOI applied for a new groundwater discharge permit (GDP) for the project with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) combining the 2 current permits (process and sanitary) into one permit. The permit review process continues. After several informal discussions and one formal public meeting, the Town of Falmouth (TOF) Board of Health (BOH) agreed endorse the project and to sign off on the building permit prior to finalizing the GDP. Such action was contrary to normal BOH protocol. Columbia Construction Company (CCCI) has selected and assigned the project superintendent and the project manager. The TOF building inspector and fire prevention officer met with the WHOI project team on 5/19 to review the project documents for code compliance and identified any additional local building authority requirements. After providing the additional requested documents to the building inspector, the building permit was issued on 6/7. The design team issued three (3) addendums to the construction documents to clarify constructability details for the project and to address the local building authority's specific requirements. The site contractor was selected on 5/13 and the pre-construction meeting was held on 5/26. The structural steel supplier was selected on 5/27. The reinforcing steel supplier was selected on June 9. The elevator supplier was selected on June 13. The construction signage, fencing and erosion control has been installed for the construction site. The site was cleared of trees and underbrush on 6/23. The construction duration is estimated at 57 weeks from 6/7. The builders risk insurance was secured for the project.

# Update of Significant Results in Period (continued)

The Davis-Bacon procedures and the Fraud Collusion Compliance procedures were submitted by WHOI and reviewed and approved by NIST. CCCI has bid nearly all the remaining trades for the project and are working towards finalizing the guaranteed maximum price (GMP). WHOI has developed a website with a link from its internal home page specific to the construction of LOSOS accessible to employees and other interested stakeholders which includes information on the science programs which will utilize the laboratory as well as construction photos and a webcam documenting the construction progress.

#### Milestones

Please see attached updated milestones chart (Project Schedule).

# **Technical Progress - Summary**

- The design team issued the final construction documents on April 15.
- WHOI received the PCC from the CCC on May 17.
- WHOI applied to MADEP for a new GWDP which will replace the two existing GWDP (process and sanitary) for the project.
- WHOI received endorsement for the project from the Town of Falmouth BOH.
- The design team met with the TOF building inspector and fire prevention officer to review the construction documents and details of the project.
- WHOI was issued the building permit for the project on June 7.
- The design team issued several addendums to the construction documents to clarify constructability requirements.
- The following vendors were selected for the project: Site contractor (5/13); structural steel (5/27); reinforcing steel (6/9) and elevator (6/13).
- The site contractor began clearing the site and performing other site work on 6/13.
- The CM is currently soliciting all remaining quotations to finalize the GMP for the project.
- WHOI submitted the Davis Bacon procedures and Fraud Collusion Compliance procedures which were reviewed and approved by NIST.
- WHOI created a webpage specific to the construction of LOSOS which is accessible to employees and other interested stakeholders.

# **Technical Progress - Implications**

The permitting process is complete and construction is underway.

# Technical Progress – Current Status

The construction phase of the project is underway and reasonable, steady progress is being realized by the construction team. The desired occupancy date for the building is June 2012. The construction duration is estimated at 57 weeks from 6/7 making the expected occupancy date July 2012.

#### Technical Progress – Mitigation of Risks

The construction activities include weekly construction meetings with the construction manager, architect and members of the design team as appropriate and the owner. The results of such meetings including daily communications of needs and expectations by all team members will continue to prove very beneficial in mitigating risks throughout the project.

Summary of Proposed Changes There are no proposed changes to the scope of the project since the last report.

Problems and Opportunities Problems – (None)

Opportunities – We will continue to pursue opportunities to add value to the overall project.

Organizational Issues (None)

Upcoming Meetings and Project Events Meetings We will hold weekly construction meeting throughout the duration of the project.

Project events - (None)

Respectfully submitted

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#### WHOI LOSOS Project Schedule

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