

## **New NASA-UNO Research Administration Building Project is Awarded to Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects**

The new \$28,000,000 facility will be located on the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) in New Orleans, LA which manufactures components for the space program, including the Saturn boosters and the external fuel tank of the Space Shuttle. The new building will provide space for NASA and contractor support, UNO's School of Engineering and National Center for Advanced Manufacturing (NCAM) offices.

Since the Space Shuttle program is scheduled to be completed by 2010, MAF will transition to new projects such as building the Ares I - Crew Launch Vehicle Upper Stage, Ares V - Cargo Launch Vehicle Boost Stage and Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle for NASA's Constellation Program as well as products that support the Commercial Orbital Transportation System.

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects, along with Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners from Coral Gables, FL, will design the new building with a goal of achieving LEED Silver Certification. The project is on a fast-track schedule with an anticipated completion date of August 15, 2010.

To learn more about NASA Constellation Program and Ares Launch Vehicles, visit [http://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/constellation/ares/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/constellation/ares/index.html)

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