

# DENVER POLICE CRIME LAB

The Better Denver Bond Program has budgeted \$36 million for the new Denver Police Crime Laboratory, located at 1371 Cherokee Street. The facility's new capabilities will help the city solve and successfully prosecute crime cases. The new 60,000 square foot Crime Lab will be significantly larger than the current 14,000 square foot lab housed in Denver's Police Administration Building. A secure underground tunnel will connect the new Lab to the Police Administration Evidence Bureau, protecting evidence as it travels to the lab. The new Lab's larger size and improved forensic lab spaces will permit better staff education on new scientific techniques, enable more research, and support more evidence handling. The building's modularly designed interior provides the long-term benefit of flexibility and adaptability as the Lab evolves in the future. Prior to the new facility, forensic vehicle examinations were conducted at outlying offices. The new Crime Lab will accommodate on-site vehicle examinations, including those for large trucks. All nine forensic units, which were previously dispersed, will be housed together at the new Lab, thereby enhancing the communication, coordination and efficiency of the Lab's work.

The building's architecture was created to mimic the structure of a DNA molecule. The materials selected for the building address security concerns and longevity, and complement the surrounding architecture of Civic Center, the Justice Center, and residential neighbors. With its setback, plaza and interesting façade, the building will be a visually appealing addition to the area. Under the Greenprint Denver initiative, the Lab is being designed and constructed using sustainable approaches, with the goal of achieving LEED Silver Certification through the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, addresses energy savings, water efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction, improved indoor air quality and stewardship of natural resources.

## Project Team:

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**Denver Public Works Department:** Kent Grissom and Rafael Augusta

**Denver District Attorney:** Mitchell R. Morrissey

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Brad Woodman, Adam Denmark, and Mike Mount

**Contractor:** JE DUNN - Brian Holthaus, Joel Pennick, and Scott Pashman



View from Cherokee (L) and 14th Avenue (R)



View from 14th Avenue



View from PAB Plaza



Atrium



DNA Lab



Interaction Space



View from Cherokee Street



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