

University of Michigan Breaks Ground on \$145 Million Business School

Project Team Includes Clark Construction, Kohn Pedersen Fox

Ann Arbor - University of Michigan officials, including U of M President Mary Sue Coleman, led a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$145 million Stephen M. Ross School of Business enhancement project on the campus of the University of Michigan, located at 701 Tappan St. in Ann Arbor, on October 7, 2006.

"The Ross business school project is truly exciting because of the unique design elements in the building," said Gary Ciampa, project director for Clark Construction. "The new building will not only be visually compelling, but will provide a superior learning and teaching environment."

Coleman was joined by Teresa Sullivan, provost, Katherine E. White, regent, and Robert J. Dolan, dean, and at the event.

"I want to thank Steve again for his historic contribution and the fact that he really pushed us to do this monumental project," said Coleman.

The Stephen M. Ross School of Business enhancement is an approximately 270,000 square foot building that will have seven floors housing 12 state-of-the-art class-

rooms, an auditorium and colloquium, faculty offices, student service activities space, and a central gathering space that will provide seating areas and a food court.

"Two years ago, I made the best investment of my life," said Ross. "The best thing about the experience I had as a student was it helped me develop the confidence and values that are so critical in my career."

Clark is part of a joint venture construction management team for the project.

Bill Pedersen of Kohn Pedersen Fox is the architect and designer.

The project will also be home to Davidson Winter Garden, a glass-enclosed academic "town square."

"We are delighted that KPF, working with faculty, staff and students, has designed a building that meets our unique needs," said Dolan.

Construction is expected to be completed in October 2008.



Rendering of Stephen M. Ross School of Business