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Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services Virginia Biotechnology Research Park

Richmond, Virginia



McKinney and Company provided the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park with full service design and contract management for the development of more than 194,500 SF of laboratory space to house the Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS). This vital state laboratory provides analytical testing, consultation, training, quality assurance, and research in support of its mission to protect consumers and the environment. Virginia Commonwealth University and the Medical College of Virginia support the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park.

DCLS offers a wide range of scientific testing to local government, state, federal agencies, hospitals, physicians and other laboratories. Each year, more than 2.5 million tests are provided ranging from octane testing of gasoline to blood specimens from newborn infants. The facility contains one of only five (5) Biosafety Level 4 (BSL-4) laboratories in the United States.

McKinney and Company's design challenge was to advance the flexibility for evolving science in an open atmosphere. Adding to the challenge, this building occupies an entire city block and incorporates 460 spaces of structured parking, some of it for public use.

McKinney and Company has led the effort in creating a flexible, attractive and secure environment which will be a landmark at the gateway to the City of Richmond.



In addition to full service design, McKinney served as Move Manager for the relocation of the entire DCLS operation from the old to the new facility. In this role, McKinney led an extensive team of internal DCLS staff and third-party moving contractors to successfully plan and execute this mission-critical operation with no unplanned downtime.

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The DCLS Project was awarded the 2004 Engineering Excellence Grand Award in the Building / Technology Systems Category by the American Council of Engineering Companies