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Laurier announces architect for construction of Schlegel Centre
Award-winning Zeidler Roberts Partnership to undertake major project on northwest campus

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WATERLOO – A Toronto-based architectural firm with more than 100 national and international awards will lead Wilfrid Laurier University's Northwest Campus Renewal and Expansion Project. Laurier president Bob Roseheart today announced the selection of the Zeidler Roberts Partnership as project architects.

Zeidler Roberts, which has helmed such projects as Toronto's Eaton Centre and Ontario Place, and Canada Place in Vancouver, will undertake a \$12.9-million project that will change the face of Laurier at the corner of University and Albert Streets. The project involves construction of the Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies between the Frank C. Peters Building, the Arts Building and the library, and the replacement of classrooms from the library's lower level. Construction is slated to begin in spring 2001 and end in September 2002.

"The University received a number of proposals for this project when the selection process started back in April. The final three firms being considered were all very strong," says Rosehart. "Given the size and importance of this project and the firm's flair for award-winning architecture, we're certain Zeidler Roberts Partnership will meet and exceed Laurier's expectations."

Zeidler Roberts Partnership is an international firm based in Toronto. Their projects cover the entire range of architectural, urban and interior design, ranging in scale from large mixed-use complexes to small residences. Most of the firm's work is located in Canada and the United States, but it has also developed a significant international presence in Europe and Asia.

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Zeidler Roberts has designed buildings for such academic institutions as McMaster University, the University of Maryland, the University of Alberta and the University of Guelph, and was responsible for the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto.

Laurier's Northwest Campus Renewal and Expansion Project is made possible by \$6.3 million in funding from the Ontario government's SuperBuild Growth Fund, which was announced in February, and a \$2-million donation from Laurier alumnus Bob and Myrna Schlegel.