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Laurier announces contractor for \$14.7-million science building

Waterloo (Sept. 3) — Wilfrid Laurier University has selected E.G.M. Cape & Company Ltd. of Willowdale, one of the largest contractors in Ontario, to build its \$14.7-million science building.

E.G.M. Cape had the lowest bid in a tendering competition among eight pre-qualified firms. The contractor expects to use local contractors for the electrical and mechanical work and for other smaller trades. The project is expected to create 108 person years of employment.

Already on site, E.G.M. Cape will demolish seven university-owned houses during the week of Sept. 6 to make way for construction.

The building, designed by Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners in association with Joe Somfay Architect of Waterloo, will have 130,000 gross square feet over three storeys. It will house the departments of biology, chemistry, physics and computing, and psychology.

Two academic wings, with classrooms, laboratories, and faculty offices, will enclose a 5,000-square-foot atrium. A rotunda will feature two lecture theatres, one with 150 seats and the other with 280.

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The building is scheduled to be completed in October 1994. It will be commissioned, science laboratories set up, and offices moved in before being ready for student use in January 1995.

The total cost of the project — including equipment, furnishings, and renovations to existing facilities — is \$18.3 million. A \$14.6-million provincial grant has been provided under the jobs OntarioCapital program. Private funding will be sought for the balance.

E.G.M. Cape built the Rogers Communications Centre at Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto, the education centre for the Simcoe County Board of Education in Midhurst, and the Tower C and Podium of the Place De Ville in Ottawa.

The company is currently working on the north campus athletic facilities at the University of Waterloo, on several sites in the Toronto and Ottawa areas, and in the Caribbean.

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Note: Dudley Briggs, vice-president of construction operations for E. G.M. Cape & Company Ltd., can be reached at (416) 498-5300.