

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for the Integrated Sciences Building at UMass Lowell.

The funding was included in the fiscal year 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which the House passed last week.

"The expected benefits of the Integrated Sciences Building are immense," Olver said. "It will provide a state-of-the-art science facility where both instruction and research can flourish."

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The ISB will include 92,000 square feet of space. For instruction in introductory level science, it will provide 40,000 square feet of space.

The project is expected to break ground in the fall 2006 and be finished by spring 2009.

Last year, Olver secured \$750,000 in federal funding for the project.

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