

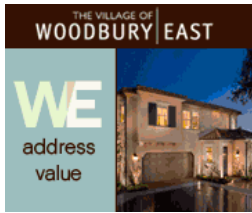


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Irvine's LCS Constructors completes first phase of renovation project

Firm is revamping a 165,000-square-foot facility in Costa Mesa for Abraxis BioScience.

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Irvine-based [LCS Constructors](#) has put the finishing touches on the first major phase of a renovation project for [Abraxis BioScience's](#) facility in Costa Mesa.



The 165,000-square-foot property was formerly occupied by ICN/Valient Pharmaceuticals and will serve as the site for Abraxis' research and development operations once the entire revamp is completed.

The biotechnology firm, which is relocating its research and development business from Marina del Rey, first hired LCS Constructors to evaluate the property, then signed the company on as the project's design-builder, after the study revealed a number of issues that need repair or retro-fitting.

The first phase included significant seismic upgrades and renovating existing lab space, creating a new "state-of-the-art" laboratory for chemistry, biology, formulation and a biological safety lab.

"Although the team faced several unique challenges that accompanied these seismic upgrades, the team's resourcefulness, combined with careful and deliberate planning, led to the successful completion of the first major phase of this project," says Jim Koons, who is coordinating daily production of the renovation.

LCS Constructors was founded in 1980 and opened its first corporate office in 1991 in San Juan Capistrano. Management and field craftsmen at LCS Constructors have completed more than 3,000 lab projects.

Currently, the construction group is involved in projects for Cal Tech in Pasadena, ExxonMobil in Torrance and Plus Diagnostics in Irvine.

Abraxis, a biotechnology company based in Los Angeles, works to find new treatments for cancer and other pathological disorders.



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