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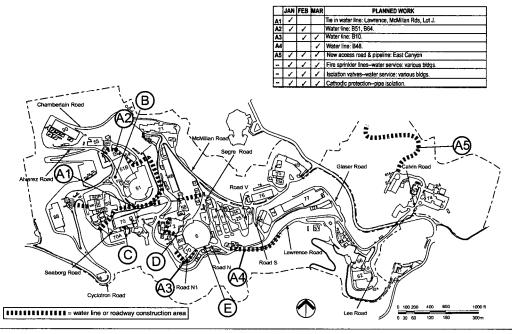
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"CAUTION—CONSTRUCTION AREA"

Construction barricades and warnings are there for your protection. Under no circumstances should you cross a construction barricade, or disobey posted warnings or directions. Contact the Project Manager for escorted access to construction areas.

ON THE DRAWING BOARD

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Building 6: Advanced Light Source User Space

Funding has been requested for FY2003 to provide additional research support space in the ALS. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

Building 77: Rehabilitation of Building Structure and Systems, Phase 2

This project will correct mechanical, electrical and architectural deficiencies in Buildings 77 and 77A. The conceptual design phase is completed. Funding has been requested for FY 2003. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

Research Support Building

Planning is going forward on a new 2,900-sq-meter (26,000 sq ft) building that will house key Berkeley Lab administrative functions now scattered across the site. This "Civic Center" will be located on the site of Building 29, which has been demolished. The new building's central location will allow efficient administration and easy access for all staff and guest researchers. (Richard Stanton, x6221)

IN PROGRESS

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Bldg 2: Laser Lab

Remodeling of rooms 307, 327, 333, 335, and 359 will accommodate three new laser labs and a pump room. The work includes demolition, relocation and installation of doors and interconnects, furnishing of walls and floors, installation of new overhead frames for equipment and utilities, electrical upgrades, additional LCW piping, casework anchorage of user-supplied laser tables and equipment, mechanical system modification, and revisions to the fire sprinkler system. (Bill Wu, x5216)

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Construction is in progress for an equipment staging area for Beamline 4. This 100-sq-m (1,100-sq-ft) single-story addition will be located between buildings 10 and 80. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

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A building addition containing hallway and lobby space will provide perimeter access around new beamlines 12.2.2 and 12.3.1. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

Bldg 58A: Building Extension

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Bldg 64: Addition of Labs and Offices

Funded for FY2003, this project will build out the last high-bay space in Building 64, creating additional laboratories and office spaces. The scope includes addition of a second floor, a new elevator, rearrangement of exit paths, and removal of an injector from room 64-131. (Bill Wu, x5216)

Bldg 70A: Wet and Culture Labs

Approximately 2700 sq ft (250 sq meters) of shop space will be converted into an Earth Sciences wet lab, (1850 sq ft) and a Life Sciences cell culture laboratory (850 sq ft). (Bill Wu, x5216)

Bldg 943: First Floor Computer Room Buildout

Work consists of 3,000 sq ft (280 sq meters) of buildout to complete the Oakland Scientific Facility's first floor computer room. It includes extension of the seismically-enhanced three-foot raised computer flooring, ceiling systems, computer room HVAC systems, an underfloor chilled water system, network cable tray systems, laser-based smoke detection, underfloor fire sprinklers, connection of utilities, seismic restraint of the computer equipment and support infrastructure. (Dave Tudor, x4171)

Sitewide Water Distribution Upgrade, Phase 1

Much of Berkeley Lab's fresh-water supply system has been in place for over 30 years. This project will replace about 0.9 mile (1.5 km) of cast iron pipe and upgrade the remaining 5 miles (8 km) of pipe, providing corrosion protection, new valves, pressure reducing stations, improvements to existing water storage tanks, and a new water storage tank in the East Canyon area. Construction is in progress. (Charles Allen, x6438)

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allowing installation of the SNS Front End at Oak Ridge on time and within budget.

High-value, high-consequence lifts are only one of many areas in which the Riggers support research programs, maintenance, and construction. Currently, removing shielding blocks for the Building 51 Decommissioning project is keeping the Riggers busy. Other common assignments include work at the ALS, changing out of rooftop air conditioners, steel erection and other public works, and moving and setting massive optical tables—some two feet thick and 12 feet long.

The riggers' record for sheer weight was the recent removal of the 2,000-ton HISS magnet. Trigales rented a 250-ton crane to do the lifting, having sliced up the magnet into manageable chunks with a plasma cutter.

The riggers—Ron Silva, Malcolm Hawkins, Ray Stevens, Pat Ross, Johnny Rivera, Brad Powell, Scott Jageman, Rory Dunaway, Kevin McPherson, and Frank Armas—take care of cranes and rigging labwide, perform load tests and make sure the brakes work. According to Crane and

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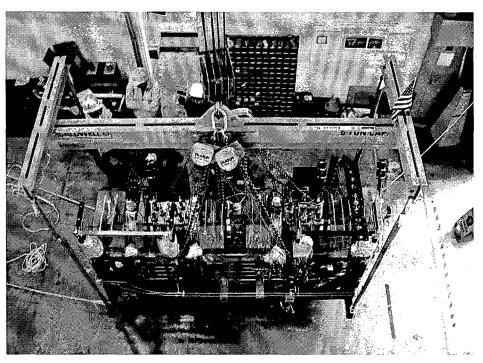
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Years of work—and about \$10 million—hang in the balance as crane lifts MEBT.

Hoist Office supervisor Steve Wright, this includes about 430 hoists and cranes, ranging in capacity from 100 lb to 60,000 lb.

Most of Berkeley Lab's cranes and hoists are normally operated by researchers, engineers, and technicians who have successfully completed EH&S course EHS 210, Hoist Operator Training. This course qualifies them for "low capacity" lifts up to one ton.

For larger capacity lifts, personnel must take EHS 206 to earn an "incidental" crane operator's license that must be recertified every three years. This allows lifts up to 75 percent of the crane or hoist capacity, excepting high-value, high-consequence lifts. For anything over 75 percent, call the Work Request Center (x6274) to bring in the riggers. For more information on hoist and crane use requirements, see PUB-3000, section 5.4.7.

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the best use of subcontractor resources. For example, in job order contracting the subcontractor bids "against pricebook" on an indefinite quantity of work. Basically, the subcontractor and Berkeley Lab would agree on a markup on specific labor and material rates for a wide selection of construction tasks. This would allow the Lab to bundle many small projects together rather than bidding them separately.

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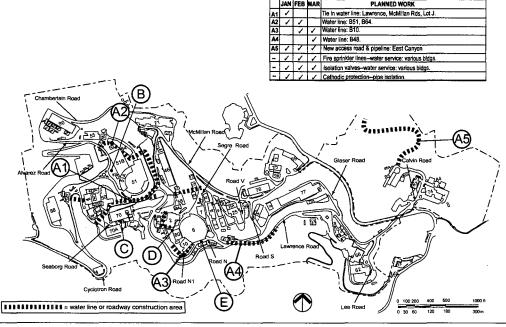
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Parking spaces in the loading dock area between Buildings 70 and 70A will be used as a construction laydown area. (Bill Wu, x5216)

Bldg 6: Sector 4 Support Building

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spaces on the west side of Bldg 10 will be reserved as the contractor's laydown area. (Dan Galvez, 6213)

Bldg 6: South Side Expansion

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Parking spaces	s on Road N along	the south side of
Building 6 will be	eliminated to make	e room for a build-

ing addition. Road N1 will be closed intermittently. Necessary closure notifications will be posted on the "Today at Berkeley Lab" web page. (Dan Galvez, 6213)

"CAUTION—CONSTRUCTION AREA"

Construction barricades and warnings are there for your protection. Under no circumstances should you cross a construction barricade, or disobey posted warnings or directions. Contact the Project Manager for escorted access to construction areas.

ON THE DRAWING BOARD

projects in study or conceptual design

Building 6: Advanced Light Source User Space

Funding has been requested for FY2003 to provide additional research support space in the ALS. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

Building 77: Rehabilitation of Building Structure and Systems, Phase 2

This project will correct mechanical, electrical and architectural deficiencies in Buildings 77 and 77A. The conceptual design phase is completed. Funding has been requested for FY 2003. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

Research Support Building

Planning is going forward on a new 2,900-sq-meter (26,000 sq ft) building that will house key Berkeley Lab administrative functions now scattered across the site. This "Civic Center" will be located on the site of Building 29, which has been demolished. The new building's central location will allow efficient administration and easy access for all staff and guest researchers. (Richard Stanton, x6221)

IN PROGRESS

funded projects

Bldg 2: Laser Lab

Remodeling of rooms 307, 327, 333, 335, and 359 will accommodate three new laser labs and a pump room. The work includes demolition, relocation and installation of doors and interconnects, furnishing of walls and floors, installation of new overhead frames for equipment and utilities, electrical upgrades, additional LCW piping, casework anchorage of user-supplied laser tables and equipment, mechanical system modification, and revisions to the fire sprinkler system. (Bill Wu, x5216)

Bldg 6: Sector 4 Support Building

Construction is in progress for an equipment staging area for Beamline 4. This 100-sq-m (1,100-sq-ft) single-story addition will be located between buildings 10 and 80. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

Bldg 6: South Side Expansion

A building addition containing hallway and lobby space will provide perimeter access around new beamlines 12.2.2 and 12.3.1. (Dan Galvez, x6213)

Bldg 58A: Building Extension

A two-story extension will be added to Bldg. 58A to accommodate the increased length of AFRD's HCX experiment. (Bill Wu, x5216)

Bldg 64: Addition of Labs and Offices

Funded for FY2003, this project will build out the last high-bay space in Building 64, creating additional laboratories and office spaces. The scope includes addition of a second floor, a new elevator, rearrangement of exit paths, and removal of an injector from room 64-131. (Bill Wu, x5216)

Bldg 70A: Wet and Culture Labs

Approximately 2700 sq ft (250 sq meters) of shop space will be converted into an Earth Sciences wet lab, (1850 sq ft) and a Life Sciences cell culture laboratory (850 sq ft). (Bill Wu, x5216)

Bldg 943: First Floor Computer Room Buildout

Work consists of 3,000 sq ft (280 sq meters) of buildout to complete the Oakland Scientific Facility's first floor computer room. It includes extension of the seismically-enhanced three-foot raised computer flooring, ceiling systems, computer room HVAC systems, an underfloor chilled water system, network cable tray systems, laser-based smoke detection, underfloor fire sprinklers, connection of utilities, seismic restraint of the computer equipment and support infrastructure. (Dave Tudor, x4171)

Sitewide Water Distribution Upgrade, Phase 1

Much of Berkeley Lab's fresh-water supply system has been in place for over 30 years. This project will replace about 0.9 mile (1.5 km) of cast iron pipe and upgrade the remaining 5 miles (8 km) of pipe, providing corrosion protection, new valves, pressure reducing stations, improvements to existing water storage tanks, and a new water storage tank in the East Canyon area. Construction is in progress. (Charles Allen, x6438)

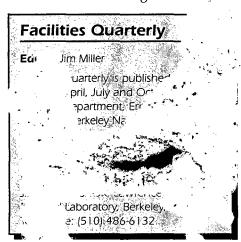
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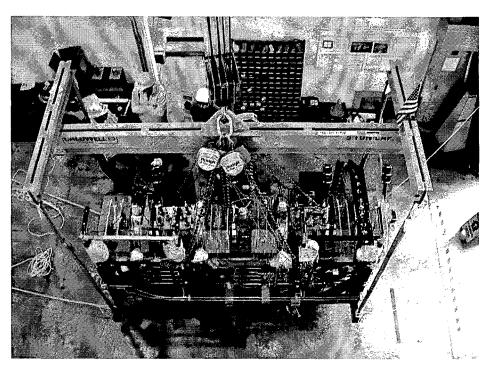
allowing installation of the SNS Front End at Oak Ridge on time and within budget.

High-value, high-consequence lifts are only one of many areas in which the Riggers support research programs, maintenance, and construction. Currently, removing shielding blocks for the Building 51 Decommissioning project is keeping the Riggers busy. Other common assignments include work at the ALS, changing out of rooftop air conditioners, steel erection and other public works, and moving and setting massive optical tables—some two feet thick and 12 feet long.

The riggers' record for sheer weight was the recent removal of the 2,000-ton HISS magnet. Trigales rented a 250-ton crane to do the lifting, having sliced up the magnet into manageable chunks with a plasma cutter.

The riggers—Ron Silva, Malcolm Hawkins, Ray Stevens, Pat Ross, Johnny Rivera, Brad Powell, Scott Jageman, Rory Dunaway, Kevin McPherson, and Frank Armas—take care of cranes and rigging labwide, perform load tests and make sure the brakes work. According to Cran





Years of work—and about \$10 million—hang in the balance as crane lifts MEBT.

Hoist Office supervisor Steve Wright, this includes about 430 hoists and cranes, ranging in capacity from 100 lb to 60,000 lb.

Most of Berkeley Lab's cranes and hoists are normally operated by researchers, engineers, and technicians who have successfully completed EH&S course EHS 210, Hoist Operator Training. This course qualifies them for "low capacity" lifts up to one ton.

For larger capacity lifts, personnel must take EHS 206 to earn an "incidental" crane operator's license that must be recertified every three years. This allows lifts up to 75 percent of the crane or hoist capacity, excepting high-value, high-consequence lifts. For anything over 75 percent, call the Work Request Center (x6274) to bring in the riggers. For more information on hoist and crane use requirements, see PUB-3000, section 5.4.7.

COST FACTOR

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the best use of subcontractor resources. For example, in job order contracting the subcontractor bids "against pricebook" on an indefinite quantity of work. Basically, the subcontractor and Berkeley Lab would agree on a markup on specific labor and material rates for a wide selection of construction tasks. This would allow the Lab to bundle many small projects together rather than bidding them separately.

There are tradeoffs in any contracting arrangement. According to Taberski, the bottom line is to get contractors on the hill that "...have the right mindset—cost conscious, attentive to detail, flexible, and good to work with. It comes down to working with people you trust."

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