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## Phase II of SEL's Lewiston Facility Begins Ahead of Schedule

PULLMAN, WA — October 19, 2012 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today announced that construction will begin in late November on Phase II of the Lewiston, Idaho, manufacturing facility.

SEL's own in-house design and property management team will oversee the 140,000-square-foot expansion, which will double the size of the building. More than 750 people will work at the location in manufacturing, engineering, research and development, and business support functions.

"We are extremely excited to begin the expansion of the Lewiston facility ahead of schedule," said SEL Property Manager Jana Schultheis. "Our initial plans were to begin Phase II in 2014, but the demand for SEL products worldwide has bumped up our timeline."

The concrete tilt-up exterior walls and steel frame construction will extend from the southern end of the existing building, which was completed in January of this year.

"As the demand for SEL products increases, more manufacturing space, employee owners, and equipment are needed," said SEL Vice President of Operations Kevin Fritch. "We are excited to continue that growth in the Lewis-Clark Valley."

Originally serving the electric utility industry, the company now serves many industries, including pulp and paper, mining, and commercial buildings. The invention of new products and services, and global expansion, has driven growth in the past several years.

"We are delighted to be growing in Lewiston, Idaho, and around the world fueling our growth from earnings," said SEL President and Founder Edmund O. Schweitzer, III. "Guided by our values, we provide quality products with superior service to our customers and highly regard our employee owners and the communities where we live."

A 100 percent employee-owned company, SEL has 51 domestic offices, 43 international offices, and three manufacturing facilities in the United States and one in Mexico. In 2012, SEL earned a place on the FORTUNE<sup>®</sup> 100 Best Companies to Work For list.

SEL serves the power industry worldwide through the design, manufacture, supply, and support of products and services for power system protection, monitoring, control, automation, and metering. SEL offers unmatched local technical support, a worldwide ten-year product warranty, and a commitment to making electric power safer, more reliable, and more economical.