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Pullman Skyline Expands With Addition of SEL Zocholl Building

PULLMAN, WA — November 28, 2012 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today announced that the walls are rising on the nearly 98,000-square-foot Zocholl Engineering Building, which is expected to be completed by May 2013. The twelfth SEL building in Pullman is named after SEL Distinguished Engineer Stanley E. Zocholl, who passed away earlier this year in August. Zocholl, 83, held 26 U.S. patents (7 with SEL) and 46 international patents. He joined the company in 1991 and was widely respected in the power industry.

Walls for the concrete tilt-up building hit the skyline Monday when a 250-ton crane lifted the first of 34 concrete panels weighing between 160,000 and 230,000 pounds into place. The three-story building is the first to be constructed by SEL's newly organized design/build team, made up of an architect, draftsmen, and a general contractor. Subcontractors from Pullman, Moscow, Colfax, Lewiston, Spokane, and Coeur d'Alene are constructing the building.

"It's going very smoothly," said SEL Property Manager Jana Schultheis. "Our team is well coordinated and strong, the weather has cooperated, and the permitting process through the city has been tremendous."

"We have been able to design this building around engineering activities, basically creating an engineering playground," said SEL Vice President of Research and Development Dave Whitehead. "A large testing facility will be more efficient and allow us to test new products in Pullman, instead of going to Portland or California."

Last year, SEL opened a new manufacturing facility in Lewiston, Idaho. SEL will break ground on an addition to that facility before the end of the year.

"Growth in the company comes from expanding into new markets and industries, and continually inventing new and improved products and services," said SEL President and Founder Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III. "We continue to reinvest in our company, and the Zocholl Engineering Building will soon be home for many of our engineers, engineering technicians, and their labs and equipment."

SEL is an employee-owned company that 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.

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