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New SEL Facility in Lewiston Breaks Ground Soon

PULLMAN, WA — January 19, 2011 — Work will begin next week on Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories' new 105,800 square foot mixed-use engineering office and manufacturing facility on 25 acres in the Lewiston Business and Technology Park.

The Lewiston facility will be SEL's fourth manufacturing facility and, over time, is expected to employ up to 250 people at the site. Other SEL manufacturing locations include Pullman, Washington; Lake Zurich, Illinois; and San Luis Potosí, Mexico. The company maintains engineering and support offices in 47 additional domestic locations and in 35 international locations.

Early site work begins this week for the concrete site-cast, tilt-up structure. Bernardo Wills is the architect, and Vandervert Construction will serve as the contractor.

"We are making some great progress on the SEL Lewiston, Idaho, manufacturing facility," said Ed Schweitzer, president and founder of SEL. "The design-build team is doing a fabulous job providing a quality building at a competitive price."

Avista is currently making sure the electric and gas services on and near the construction zone are located and are safe. Work trailers and heavy equipment will move on-site this week, with DeAtley Construction expected to start clearing the site early next week. DeAtley will implement erosion control methods after carefully removing the top layer of vegetation and top soil for use later in the project.

Once the majority of the initial clearing is complete, Vandervert Construction will prepare the site for SEL's project kick off ceremony on February 10.

Completion of the building is expected in September of this year.

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