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GOVERNMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES GATHER FOR GROUNDBREAKING OF NORTHERN COLORADO REGIONAL CRIME LAB

WELD COUNTY, CO – More than 65 people gathered Wednesday morning in west Greeley for the official groundbreaking of the Northern Colorado Regional Crime Lab. Representatives from the five participating agencies were joined by the public to celebrate a milestone in a project more than five years in the making.



From left: Weld County Regional Crime Lab Director Ron Arndt, Fort Collins Police Captain Don Vagge, Weld County Commissioners William Garcia, Douglas Rademacher, Barbara Kirkmeyer, Dave Long, Larimer County Commissioner Tom Donnelly, Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway, Weld County Sheriff John Cooke, Greeley Mayor Tom Norton, Loveland Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Roche Constructors President Tom Roche.

“This is an exciting day for law enforcement in Northern Colorado,” said Weld County Commissioner Chairman Sean Conway. “And it is an exciting day for the residents of Weld and Larimer Counties. The construction of a regional crime lab means faster turn-around times for tests needed by law enforcement and prosecutors in criminal cases, and that is good news for the public.”

This past spring, the five agencies (Weld County, Larimer County, and the cities of Greeley, Fort Collins and Loveland) each signed an intergovernmental agreement outlining their participation in the crime lab including contribution of operational funding and staff.

“This crime lab is a great example of different agencies coming together to address a local issue,” said Commissioner William Garcia. “By working together, the residents of Northern Colorado will benefit from the improved services the lab will offer.”

The new facility, which will be located at 2329 115th Ave. in Greeley, will be approximately 20,000 square feet and include a drive-through garage/sally port, offices, storage area, meeting and conference rooms and laboratories. The construction of the lab will be paid for by Weld County.

Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer explained, “The economic benefits Weld County has realized from the oil and gas activity in the county has allowed county government to budget for the building of this facility.”

“Many people ask how the county uses the revenue it receives from the oil and gas industry – well, this lab is a perfect



The new 20,000 square foot Northern Colorado Regional Crime Lab will be located at 2329 115th Ave. in Greeley and include laboratories, meeting and conference rooms, offices and storage facilities. The lab is scheduled to be opened in the fall of 2013.

example,” said Commissioner Douglas Rademacher. “The county takes great care in outlining future projects, such as the crime lab, and setting aside the funds within the budget to pay for those projects.”

On May 21, 2012, Weld County released a Request For Proposal for the design and construction of the crime lab; Roche Constructors, Inc., was awarded the project in July. The target completion date for the lab is September 2013.

“We are fortunate in this area to have strong working relationships with our neighboring municipalities and counties which enable a project such as this to come to fruition,” said Commissioner Dave Long.



From left: Weld County Commissioners William Garcia, Douglas Rademacher, Barbara Kirkmeyer, Sean Conway, Larimer County Commissioner Tom Donnelly, Loveland Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Greeley Mayor Tom Norton and Weld County Sheriff John Cooke.

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