

## Grote Renovation Project Summary

- **July 2004** - Project originally funded at **\$4.25 million**. Funded scope of work at that time included abatement, mechanical, electrical and life safety upgrades. No laboratory or classroom upgrades were included.
- Architect began work in early 2005. Planning sessions with occupant departments led to expanding scope to include laboratory improvements. Design could not move forward without additional funds.
- **July 2006** - \$2.0 million in additional state funds were appropriated bringing project total to **\$6.25 million**.
- Design proceeded with full planning of re-vamped space. Specifics:
  - Three new Environmental Science labs
  - Physics & Geology labs moved to new space on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors
  - New Chemistry classroom and research laboratories on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors.
  - Fume hoods went from the current count of 25 to over 70 hoods, most serving the organic chemistry labs and research lab.
- Architect's Sept. 2006 construction cost estimate still showed a shortfall of at least \$1.5 million. UTC administration again asked UT to support additional funding. Design put on hold in late 2006 until funds were approved.
- **July 2007** - Another \$2.0 million in state funds were appropriated, bringing total project to the current **\$8.25 million** spending limit.
- Design effort re-started, along with phasing and move planning discussions. It soon became apparent that vacating the building would be impossible for major chemistry labs, but UT required all other functions and offices to move.
- **November 2007** - UT agreed to allocate \$400,000 in project funds for modular buildings to allow for part of Chemistry operations as no other appropriate space was available on campus
- **April 2008** - Purchase order issued for modular buildings
- **Summer 2008** - Construction documents completed and submitted for State Fire Marshal approval. Departments moved out of Grote in advance of Fall semester.
- **September 2008** - Fire Marshal review comments received, along with UT Mechanical review. Numerous mechanical changes were required along with additional chemical inventory data for all labs. Abatement design completed and advertised for bid.
- **November 2008** - Abatement underway 11/19. Revised construction documents submitted to State Fire Marshal for approval.
- **January 2009** - Abatement to be complete, construction project out for bid.