

Amgen donates \$1 million to CU

BOULDER - Amgen Inc. has donated \$1 million to the University of Colorado at Boulder to help with the construction of the Jennie Smoly Caruthers Biotechnology Building.

Thousand Oaks, Calif.-based Amgen (Nasdaq: AMGN), which has offices in Boulder and Longmont, brings the total raised to more than \$25 million in private funds in addition to CU's \$60 million pledge. The first phase is suspected to cost \$145 million.

The first phase, scheduled to be complete in late 2011, will be a 257,000-square-foot building near the corner of Colorado Avenue and Foothills Parkway. It'll house the university's Colorado Initiative in Molecular Biotechnology, as well as the chemical and biological engineering departments and the biochemistry division of the chemistry and biochemistry department.

"Amgen's gift comes at a critical time in the construction of CU's new building, and it will allow full fit-out of laboratory space that would otherwise have been shell space," said Tom Cech, a CU professor who played a crucial role in making the biotech building a reality. "Equally exciting is the fact that this gift strengthens Colorado's already strong relationship with this premier biotechnology company."

The building was named in memory of Marvin Caruthers' late wife upon donating \$20 million to help construct it. Caruthers, a CU professor and recipient of the 2007 National Medal of Science, co-founded Amgen and currently serves on various advisory boards in the biotechnology industry.