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McNab chosen to build landmark UQ project

McNab has been selected to design and construct a landmark project for the University of Queensland, the 6 Green Star Global Change Institute.

If successful in its assessment once complete, the building will be the first educational Living Building Challenge project in Queensland – a rating and advocacy tool that promotes the creation of lasting, sustainable buildings and communities.

It also has the chance to become the first 6 Star rated building in Queensland under Education V1 Design.

This project will allow McNab to showcase its building and design expertise and will provide a vehicle to display a variety of 'green' technologies in action.

McNab Project Manager Mark Jewell said that the GCI building was the cream of the company's sustainability projects to date and the latest in their 12-year working relationship with the University of Queensland.

"The GCI building will allow McNab to showcase our capacity and flexibility and gives us an opportunity to lead the way in sustainable construction," Mr Jewell said.

'Sustainable construction is the way of the future and McNab is proud to be chosen to lead such a landmark project for the University of Queensland,' Mr Jewell said.

The GCI building is set to test the development of sustainable structures and will play an important role in raising awareness of environmental issues and the need for environmentally innovative building solutions.

The design boasts the installation of the largest solar photo-voltaic on-grid electricity generator in Australia – a 1.2MW solar array that will reduce the campus's electricity consumption and carbon emissions.

Other proposed features include evacuated tube solar hot water systems, hydronic in-floor cooling, LED lighting and a blackwater sewerage treatment plant.

Construction of the GCI building has commenced with the project is due to be completed late 2012.

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