



Architecture & Planning

Client
Molecular Probes

Location
Eugene, Oregon, USA



Expansion and Upgrades to Molecular Probes Research Facility

Project Description

Molecular Probes, in Eugene, Oregon, is a fast-growing biotechnology company transitioning from a small, research-based enterprise to an industry leader in its field. Expanding and upgrading their existing research facility so they could attract world class scientists was the goal of this project. Program elements included:

- Research Laboratory
- Production Laboratory
- Administration
- Auditorium
- Cafe

The building establishes a new architectural language for the campus, derived from features of the existing buildings most favored by the client: human scale, natural materials, and simple forms. The building was strategically sited to place the auditorium and main entry at the confluence of campus pathways. The atrium serves as the auditorium foyer, and as the gallery for the stunning imagery produced by the company's products. Offices were carefully arranged to achieve a balance between easy lab access and the privacy required for concentration and reflection. Spaces in between were designed to foster informal interaction and creative collaboration between researchers.

The project received the 2002 Hammurabi Masonry & Ceramic Tile Award.