Medicine. The building, referred to as “Vet Med 3A” during the planning process, is a key component of a $354 million long-range facilities plan for the school, designed to restore full accreditation status and prepare for enrollment and academic growth anticipated in the next decade.

The campus already has received $11 million in planning and infrastructure improvement money from the state for this project.

“The governor's visionary economic stimulus package is good news for the University of California and for the State of California,” says UC Davis Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef. “We are grateful at UC Davis that the new facility for the School of Veterinary Medicine has been included in this plan and eager to play a role in the revitalization of California's economy.”

School of Veterinary Medicine Dean Bennie Osburn says, “Veterinary Medicine 3A forms the cornerstone for restoration of our full accreditation. This public investment will strengthen the school's ongoing ability to offer Californians access to veterinary care for pets, livestock and poultry; protection of public health and food safety; and other activities benefiting animal, human and environmental health. We thank Governor Davis for his recognition of our school and advocacy of this bold solution for veterinary education.”

The Vet Med 3A building, a 125,000-square-foot teaching, research and clinical facility, will be located northwest of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH). It will house teaching laboratories, faculty research laboratories, research support services, academic offices, clinical services and administrative offices. The building is planned for completion in 2005.

The need for improved teaching and research facilities for the veterinary school was cited in 1998 by the American Veterinary Medical Association’s accreditation committee when it visited the school for a routine accreditation review. While the school passed the review with flying colors in all other areas, it was placed on “limited accreditation”—a probationary status—for its facilities shortfalls.

To meet this need for new and improved facilities, several other construction projects near the VMTH are either underway or pending.

- The 63,000-square-foot Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility is now under construction on Garrod Drive, southwest of the VMTH. It will be completed in fall 2002 and will include instructional surgery suites for veterinary students, animal-holding facilities for both large and small animals, a facility for canine blood donors and an instructional lecture hall. It also will have exercise runs for dogs and other small animals, plus a pasture for large animals.

- The campus is funding a new $25 million Veterinary Medicine Instructional Facility, containing classrooms, laboratories, teaching facilities and a student learning center. This 59,550-square-foot building will be located northeast of the VMTH, complementing the adjacent Veterinary Medicine 3A building. It is slated for completion in 2004.

- Construction will begin in early 2003 on a 20,000-square-foot Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory on the east side of Garrod Drive, just south of the VMTH. The single-story building, planned for completion in 2004, will include a laboratory with three horse-size treadmills, an automated walker for exercising horses, a round pen and large-animal holding facilities.

- A future $9 million Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital expansion, designed to better serve clients and their animals, is on the drawing boards.