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### **RIM Architects to design new nursing and WERI buildings at UOG**

The University of Guam finalized an agreement with RIM Architects on Jan. 19 to design a second nursing building and a larger facility for the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific on the UOG campus. The university received an \$8.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration in February 2021 to construct the facilities in order to increase the university's capacity to support regional economic development.

The two-story nursing annex will add classrooms and lab space to the School of Health to facilitate student training within the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program and the Nursing Assistant Education Program and to support caregiver training through the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program.

The three-story WERI building will add lab and equipment space for commercial water quality testing as well as a research library, conference room, and office space to support the monitoring and studying of the region's freshwater resources.

The U.S. EDA grant will cover 80% of the cost. The remaining 20% will be funded by a local match from the University of Guam, the UOG Endowment Foundation, the Research Corporation of the University of Guam, and funds donated from nursing alumni.

Construction is set to begin in February 2023.

Read more about the projects at [url.uog.edu/weri-nursing-bldgs](http://url.uog.edu/weri-nursing-bldgs).

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**Photo caption:**



*(Back row, from left) Randy Wiegand, UOG vice president of administration and finance and chief business officer; Cathleen Moore-Linn, executive director, Research Corporation of the University of Guam; Anita Borja Enriquez, UOG senior vice president and provost; Glenn Leon Guerrero, UOG director of facilities management and services; president; and Brent L. Wiese, managing principal - Guam, RIM Architects.*

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