



## Construction wraps on Gen-Probe expansion

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Construction has wrapped up on the 291,000-square-foot building 2 for **Gen-Probe** (Nasdaq: GPRO, News), a leading biotechnology firm located at Sequence and Genetic Center drives in Mira Mesa.

**Smith Consulting Architects** (News) was the architect for the \$44 million project.

Michael Fredericksen, senior director of facilities, safety, and real estate for Gen-Probe, provided oversight. **Good & Roberts** was the general contractor.

Designed to serve as a flex-use facility, the new two-story building accommodates a variety of administrative and office functions, research and development laboratories, future product manufacturing, and finished product warehouse requirements. The design of the facility borrows from the basic forms and materials used in the building 1 headquarters facility, while incorporating updated detailing.

The project was constructed of concrete walls, blue and silver glass, and metal panel cladding. A new landscaped plaza features a waterfall that serves as the focal point of the campus environment created between the two buildings.

Natural lighting and energy savings were achieved through the use of skylights and a central high-bay interior atrium with a barrel-vaulted roof constructed of translucent skylight panels. Exterior balconies and a new, central cafeteria serve as break areas for Gen-Probe employees. Amenities include on-site tennis and basketball courts, and a fully equipped fitness center.

Pete Bussett, AIA, served as principal-in-charge for Smith Consulting Architects, with Ned Haskell as project manager, Gary Baker as designer, and Jason Shum as job captain. **Prime Structural Engineers** was the structural engineer, and **ILA+Zammit Engineering Group** was the electrical engineer. **Lang Engineering** was the civil engineer and **DEC Engineers** was the mechanical engineer. Other consultants included **Ridge Landscape Architects** as the landscape architect.

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### Business Summary

Founded in 1988 by Cheryl (Dennie) Smith, Smith Consulting Architects (SCA) is a multi-discipline design firm providing full-service planning, architecture and interior design.

### Executive, Position(s)

Cheryl Dennie Smith: President/Founder

Mark Langan: Vice President

Scott Cairns: Vice President

Peter J. Bussett: Vice President

Gary Baker: Vice President

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