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**I**n two weeks, construction fences will go up on the site of the next **Next Innovation Campus building on track** Innovation Campus building -- 80,000 square feet under development by Tetrad Property Group.

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At first, the fence will encircle an area set aside for activities related to this year's Cattlemen's Ball, which begins June 3 in Lincoln and has a dinner that night at Innovation Campus.

Once the tents come down, the fences will remain for the next phase of the research park at the former State Fair Park.

Based on the agreement between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and developer Nebraska Nova, Tetrad must begin work on the next building within 18 months after the latest building at Innovation Campus is occupied.

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Since UNL moved its food science department to the Food Innovation Center there last summer, Tetrad began making good on its end of the agreement, hiring Clark Enersen Partners to design the new building to go up north of the Plant Innovation Center.

"We anticipate breaking ground by the end of the year," said Jennifer Brinkman, Tetrad's communications manager.

Tetrad is designing the building for office use, Brinkman said, but could include laboratory space.

"We're constantly talking to potential tenants to the campus, and if a decision point was reached that fit within the general design concept for the building and we would need to adjust something, that's certainly something we could do," she added.

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Once finished, Tetrad would own and operate the building, although the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corp. has the final say in which companies can lease space there, Innovation Campus Executive Director Dan Duncan said.

“We have general agreements on the types of buildings that can be constructed out here, and we have design standards,” he said. “Beyond that, we have a design review committee that will look at the designs Tetrad comes up with and final approval goes to the NICDC Board of Directors.”

The development corporation includes four representatives from the university as well as six from the private sector.

“As soon as the designs are ready and go through the approval process, they will start construction,” Duncan said. “We believe that will be sometime this year; hopefully sooner rather than later.”

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