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**BOARD APPROVES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

The Idaho State Board of Education today approved proceeding with construction of two high-tech research buildings – a Collaborative Computing Center and a Cybercore Integration Center at the Board’s research campus in Idaho Falls in cooperation with the Idaho State Building Authority.

Once built, the Board will sublease both facilities to Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC – the principal operating contractor at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL).

The facilities will enhance supercomputing research capabilities and provide opportunities for collaboration among Idaho’s higher education institutions and INL. “This is a great example of how educators can work with industry for the betterment of our state,” Board Member Emma Atchley said.

In 2017, the Idaho Legislature authorized the Board and the Idaho State Building Authority to enter into agreements to provide for financing and development of the facilities.

Ground breaking is expected to occur later this spring and the buildings should be completed by fall 2019.

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