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Laserfiche Invests In New Bixby Knolls Development

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Rendering of new Laserfiche building courtesy of Studio One Eleven

Laserfiche is a global software company, but CEO Chris Wacker will tell you it's also a local company — one that continues to invest in Long Beach.

The private company, founded in 1987 and based in Long Beach since 2001, is celebrating the groundbreaking of a new headquarters building near its existing campus in Bixby Knolls. Laserfiche has committed \$60 million to the project.

Shovels will hit the ground during a public ceremony at 10:30 a.m. next Thursday, July 11, at 3459 Long Beach Blvd., where the four-story, 102,848-square-foot addition to Laserfiche's footprint is expected to be complete in late 2020.

Wacker said the expanded campus would accommodate the company's rapid growth, with employees projected to double in Long Beach from 300 to 600 by the year 2025. Laserfiche also has another 420 employees at its offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, as well as Guadalajara, Hong Kong, London, Shanghai and Toronto.

"Laserfiche is entering an era of accelerated innovation, which requires workforce growth and the evolution of our headquarters to align with our visionary products," Wacker said. "We are committed to continued investment in Long Beach, and look forward to bringing hundreds of well-paying tech jobs to the city."

Long Beach-based Urbana Development is overseeing the development, which is being designed by local firm Studio One Eleven.

When complete, it will be LEED and WELL certified, and it's replacing two parking lots, four oil wells, a demolished bar and a demolished home on about 2.5 acres of land. The new facility will include a large public conference space, lobby koi pond and fish tank, expansive views of the city skyline and

an employee parking garage across the alleyway, where food truck gatherings and other public events are planned.

“We worked closely with Laserfiche and Urbana Development to create a place that is healthy, energy efficient and fosters innovation and collaboration,” said Michael Bohn, senior principal for Studio One Eleven. “This new facility builds on Laserfiche’s commitment to creating a positive work environment and an iconic gateway for the community of Bixby Knolls.”

Wacker said company officials are excited that the new development will be clearly visible from the San Diego Freeway and serve as a landmark in Bixby Knolls, where it will be the company’s fourth owned building.

“We plan to use that to get our name out there,” Wacker said.

Wacker helped build Laserfiche alongside his late wife, founder Nien-Ling Wacker. They started Laserfiche in 1987 and worked together to find ways for companies to store and easily access electronic files. Wacker said his wife was a visionary who saw the need for people to store and easily access information before most businesses were even using computers.

The new headquarters making room for more company growth, Wacker said, ensures that Laserfiche and his family’s legacy is around well into the future.

“Our planned timeline is the next 100 years,” he said.

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