

Tulane University to Dedicate \$27 Million Regional Biosafety Lab

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What

Tulane University will dedicate its \$27.5 million Regional Biosafety Laboratory, a state-of-the-art research lab within the Tulane National Primate Research Center dedicated to developing treatments, vaccines and diagnostics for airborne infectious diseases and potential agents of bioterrorism. The new facility will create approximately 60 new jobs with \$2.2 million in annual payroll, creating an expected \$42 million economic impact on the region during the next five years.

Who

- **Scott Cowen**, Tulane University president
- **Andrew Lackner**, Tulane National Primate Research Center director
- **Michael Kurilla**, director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Office of Biodefense Research Affairs
- **Kevin Davis**, St. Tammany Parish president
- State Sen. **Jack Donahue**
- State Rep. **John Schroder**

When

9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5

Where

Tulane National Primate Research Center, 18703 Three Rivers Road, Covington, La.

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The facility is one of only 13 National Institutes of Health (NIH) supported Biosafety Level 3 laboratories in the country, and the only one affiliated with a primate research center, medical school and school of public health and tropical medicine.

Biosafety Level 3 is a national designation for labs built with strict safety standards to study airborne contaminants and infectious diseases. For more information, visit:

<http://www.tnprc.tulane.edu>