



“2011 LAB OF THE YEAR”

Agritechnove was very proud in 2011 to be part of the team that received the prestigious « Laboratory Of The Year » award by the R&D Magazine. This award confirmed the world-class quality of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). The judges were impressed with KAUST on multiple fronts. The total flexibility areas for research, ability to attract world-class talent, LEED Platinum status, livability, and sustainability all contributed to its selection as a winner. It helped, too, that the project's price, which was ultimately not disclosed, was not the top priority in the design of the facilities. The plant science research complex includes 18 large and fully air-conditioned greenhouse compartments as well as a lab building with growth chambers, work areas, labs, etc.



Agritechnove completed several projects last year and saw more begin their construction phase: the Wind Erosion Research Facility in Manhattan, KS, the Kohler Environmental Center in Wallingford, CT, the new Floriculture Greenhouse for the UCON in Storrs, and others.

Several USDA projects begun or completed their design phases. Unfortunately, they were put on hold until funding gets available. This, we're told, could take several years. We are sorry to report that over 10 Agritechnove USDA projects ranging from small to very large (Salinas, CA, Logan, UT, Canal Pt, FL and others) are currently awaiting construction at this point in time.

The Bell Tower Development project at UNC/Chapel Hill continues: it seems like this takes forever to build. We started design back in 2006 and the project is still working its way toward completion. However, we believe 2012 will see the official opening !

Toward the end of the year, we were busy working on renovation projects for colleges and universities, expansions for biotech corporations and other similar projects. We also completed design of the Phase III greenhouse for Donald Danforth Plant Science Institute in St. Louis. This facility will enter construction phase in early 2012.

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