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Boston OKs Northeastern's plan for \$225m science, engineering building and master plan

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The Boston Redevelopment Authority board on Thursday approved Northeastern University's plans to build a \$225-million science and engineering building. The board also approved the university's [ten-year campus master plan](#) that calls for a mix of new academic, research, dormitory, student life, recreation and athletic and parking facilities.

The [Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building](#) will be built on property that is currently a parking lot at 795 Columbus Ave., the authority said. The 197,000 square-foot facility will include classrooms, research areas, offices, a café and other student space.

City officials project the project will create 630 construction jobs and will lead to 700 faculty and staff jobs once the building is complete, officials said.

The school hopes to earn LEED silver, or higher, certification for the facility.

As part of its master plan, Northeastern has promised to open one new dorm with at least 300 beds within the next five years, the authority said. The university has set a goal to create roughly 1,000 dorm beds by the end of the 10-year master plan.

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