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Senator Christian McDaniel, Co-Chair
Representative Jason Petrie, Co-Chair
Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
700 Capital Ave.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Annual Report of the Central Laboratory Expansion

Dear Co-Chairs McDaniel and Petrie,

In accordance with 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 175, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services presents this annual report on the progress of the Central Laboratory Expansion. As you will see in the report, following the awarding of the contract to Tower Pinkster (with HOK, CMTA, Brown + Kubican, and Element Design) the pre-design and schematic design phases were completed timely. The report also includes several architectural renderings of the final exterior design.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide an update on this work.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie D. Brooks".

Julie Brooks, Policy Specialist
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**Central Laboratory
Expansion
2025 Report**

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Central Laboratory Expansion – Annual Update

Targeted & Achieved Milestones

- **A/E Contract Executed:**
Tower Pinkster (with HOK, CMTA, Brown + Kubican, and Element Design) contracted on **September 24, 2024**.
- **Pre-Design Completed (Dec 2024):**
Programming confirmed, and conceptual design developed. Additional Radiation Health and Drug & Supplement Testing sections included. Southern site location selected, coordination with central utility plant for system capacity.
- **Phase A – Schematic Design (Completed March 2025):**
Lab planning and section coordination; preliminary code review with KY HBC.
- **Phase B – Design Development (Completed September 2025):**
Final programming check, discipline-level DD packages, MEP basis of design, lighting, specs, and cost estimate creation.
- **Phase C – Construction Documents (Upcoming; to complete May 2026):**
To begin code compliance coordination and CM/GC procurement support; initiate furniture planning.

Expenditures to Date

- **Contracted Design Services:** \$16,011,909
(No detailed drawdown amounts provided in report)

Challenges & Mitigation Strategies

- **Construction phasing and site logistics:**
Site evaluated to ensure uninterrupted lab operations; northern loop road to be rerouted for deliveries.
- **Hazardous materials compliance:**
Control areas planned to meet code requirements; inventory coordinated with DLS.
- **Complexity of program and building systems:**
Regular work sessions with lab sections and code agencies to anticipate and resolve technical issues.



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DPH Central Laboratory Expansion

Phase C – Glass Reflectivity Study

Commonwealth of Kentucky

October, 2025





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Exterior Views of Glass Conditions



Main Entrance





West Elevation





North Elevation





Courtyard





Courtyard West





Courtyard Southeast

