

Headquarters for International Testing Agency Under Construction in Greeley

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A procession of surveyors, utility workers, and dozers atop the hill at West 10th Street and 54th Avenue have prepared the site for a new international headquarters for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE). Construction of the facility is now under way, NBCE Executive Director Horace C. Elliott announced this morning at a reception held at the site.

Scheduled for completion in November, the building will provide 25,000 square feet of office space on the nearly ten-acre site, and more than double the NBCE's present overcrowded facility. In addition, approximately 1,200 square feet of the structure will serve as the national headquarters for another organization, the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards.

Designed by the Greeley architectural firm of Larry E. Steel Associates, with special attention given the NBCE's unique operational requirements, the brick and glass structure is being built by the Greeley-based Hensel Phelps Construction Company. The completed facility will provide offices and meeting rooms on two above-ground levels, and include a partial basement for storage, shipping, and receiving. The building will feature an unobstructed view of the mountains and totally smoke-free environment. This is the second NBCE project in which architect Larry Steel has been involved. The NBCE's current office, located at 16th Street and 29th Avenue Place, was built in 1977 by the firm of Johnson, Steel, and Williams.

For the NBCE's governing Board of Directors, comprised of 11 prominent chiropractic professionals from 11 states, the overriding factor in the decision to remain in Greeley, rather than relocate, was the exceptionally low turnover rate and high level of competency and specialization of the existing staff. Also a factor was the wealth of academic qualifications seen in the area's pool of prospective employees. Other considerations included the Central U.S. location of the present headquarters, as well as Greeley's convenient access to a new multibillion dollar international airport due to open in 1993 in nearby Denver.

The NBCE was founded in 1963 as a non-profit organization. With the involvement of chiropractic college educators, licensing board members, subject specialists and contracted consultants, the 22-member NBCE staff develops and administers chiropractic examinations at test sites throughout the U.S., and in some foreign countries. The resulting scores are utilized by state regulatory agencies in their evaluations of applicants for licensure.

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