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## New Building for the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne

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### Project Scope

The new building will consist of educational facilities for staff and students, with a total floor area of approximately 18,000m2. The budget for the new building will be approximately AU\$90 million for construction and fitout, plus consultant fees; a major portion of this sum has been committed by the University with the balance of the funding currently being sought from Federal, State, and private sources. Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2011, with an anticipated completion date of 2013.

### Site and Heritage

The current Parkville Campus Masterplan identifies the existing location of the Architecture and Old Commerce buildings as the site for the new building; development of this site will be undertaken in accordance with the Masterplan. These current buildings contain items of heritage significance including murals, stained glass windows, sculptures and statues. Notable among these, the former is home to the Japanese Room, a space fitted out by appreciative alumni from Japan using traditional Japanese finishes and fittings, and a Japanese Garden. The Old Commerce Building currently includes on its west façade historically significant elements from the former Bank of New South Wales building in Collins Street, Melbourne, by the architect Joseph Reed of Reed and Barnes. This façade was originally built in 1856 and was transplanted to the Parkville campus in 1936. These elements will need to be addressed in the design response in accordance with University heritage management plans and policies and in consultation with relevant heritage committees and consultants.

### Aspirational Brief

The project is seen as a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity for the Faculty to achieve strategic objectives relating to the positioning of ABP and the MSD, with a commitment to innovation in relation to the design and delivery of an outstanding campus building. The aspiration of the faculty and the University is that the new building will demonstrate an outstanding level of quality in both the processes of design and development and in the finished product. The resulting design will provide an excellent working environment to encourage high quality research, teaching and learning.

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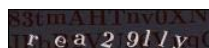
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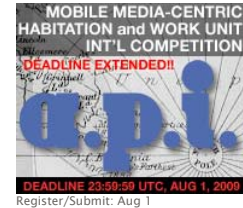
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