

## **CLASSROOM/LABORATORY REDEVELOPMENT**

### **Project Description**

The project will undertake a comprehensive renovation of the 194,000 gross square feet, five-story building. It is anticipated that all original mechanical and electrical systems will be replaced as required for the redevelopment of this building into a modern classroom, office and instructional lab facility. Significant asbestos and lead paint will be abated. Sprinklers and other life safety systems will be installed. Three floors of the five-story west tower will be fully upfit to provide approximately eighteen instructional labs for science courses with emphasis on chemistry. Other space in the building shall remain as a conditioned shell prepared for future academic upfitting. It is anticipated that some core elements will be relocated requiring structural design to maintain or enhance structural integrity. The building lobby will be renovated and potentially expanded to enhance the entrance experience. Other exterior enhancements could be explored to include allowing more natural light to permeate the building and site improvements to replace most on-site parking with green space as the budget may allow. Architects and engineers submitting qualifications for this project should possess extensive instructional lab experience necessary to transform portions of the building into a modern and engaging teaching environment for science labs. The primary objectives for the project are to create a dynamic teaching environment reflecting current trends in education and to provide as much building system replacement as the budget will allow facilitating future academic upfitting.