

awarded them the construction management contract for Phase 1. Completion is scheduled for May 2018.

In recent years, EllisDon has also been active in the education sector in Vancouver. For example, they are the co-developer and design-builder of a campus redevelopment project at the Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

That project is valued at \$90 million, and encompasses roughly 289,000 square feet. The site is located at Great Northern Way, is comprised of three acres, and will be the home of the specialized post-secondary institution for fine arts, media arts, and design. The new campus will accommodate more than 1,800 students and will provide state-of-the-art LEED Gold features.

Ian describes that project as a “Unique building, designed for the present and flexible for the future.” The architecture was shaped around the needs of



the students and faculty, and provides a multitude of places for gathering and discussion. The façade is a combination of glass, metal panel, and standing seam – with the glass providing views to the interior, displaying the “vitality and activity within.”

By maximizing the scale of column-free spaces – and by decentralizing heating, cooling ventilation, power and IT infrastructure – the design is also very supporting of change. The school can flexibly alter partitioning between program areas, among other simple adjustments. Ian says that flexibility “supports the culture and pedagogy of the university.” Supporting and enhancing the culture of their clients is one of EllisDon’s primarily goals on every project they undertake.

