

New Company Headquarters Mark a New Chapter in Simplot's History

Nearly 40 years ago, Simplot Company Treasure Valley Idaho employees moved into a new state-of-the-art headquarters building at 999 Main Street in Boise. The newly dubbed 14-story, One Capital Center was Idaho's largest building and its most modern office building.

Ron Winans, Simplot's then director of administrative services, spoke highly of the new building saying it had increased employee morale and work efficiency while providing an "open, uncrowded atmosphere that is relaxing and conducive to productivity."

Employees moved into the new location in August 1975, marking the fifth time the Company's corporate headquarters had changed. Simplot's first headquarters was in a bank building in Burley, Idaho in the 1930s. During the early 1940s the headquarters moved to Caldwell, Idaho and in the mid-1940s the company located its headquarters in downtown Boise in the First National Bank Building. In the 1950s the company purchased a building on Idaho Street in downtown Boise.

The company's tenure at One Capital Center has been the longest in the company's history, but now 40 years later a new Simplot Headquarters – the sixth in the company's history – is starting to take shape at the corner of 11th and Front Streets in downtown Boise. The nine-story, 265,000 square foot building and adjacent 60,000 square foot annex, which will include



One Capital Center - Circa 1976

meeting rooms, labs and a company cafeteria, is expected to be completed by the fall of 2016.

Simplot's new headquarters is being built on the same property as the JUMP project, which is slated to open in the spring of 2016. Both the JUMP project and the corporate headquarters were designed by Adamson & Associates and are being built by Hoffman Construction.

Construction on the new headquarters building began last summer with the start of the underground parking garage expansion to support the office and annex buildings.

Josh Durham, Hoffman's project manager, said completing the seven-acre underground parking garage was one of the more challenging aspects of the project.

Because much of the proposed park at JUMP sits on top of the parking garage, the roof had to be completely waterproofed. Durham said the garage also has a dewatering system for groundwater and is built to withstand a 100-year flood event.

In April, Hoffman started the vertical portion of the headquarters construction.

"When you start going vertical, that's a milestone for any project," he said.

Over the next 9 months, more of the new headquarters will become visible. By early 2016, the tower structure will be substantially complete and the outer shell of the building should be well under way.



Construction of One Capital Center