

#### NOvA Awarded CD-3b

Critical Decision 3b, Approve NOvA Project Start of Full Construction

#### NOvA awarded CD-3b on October 29.

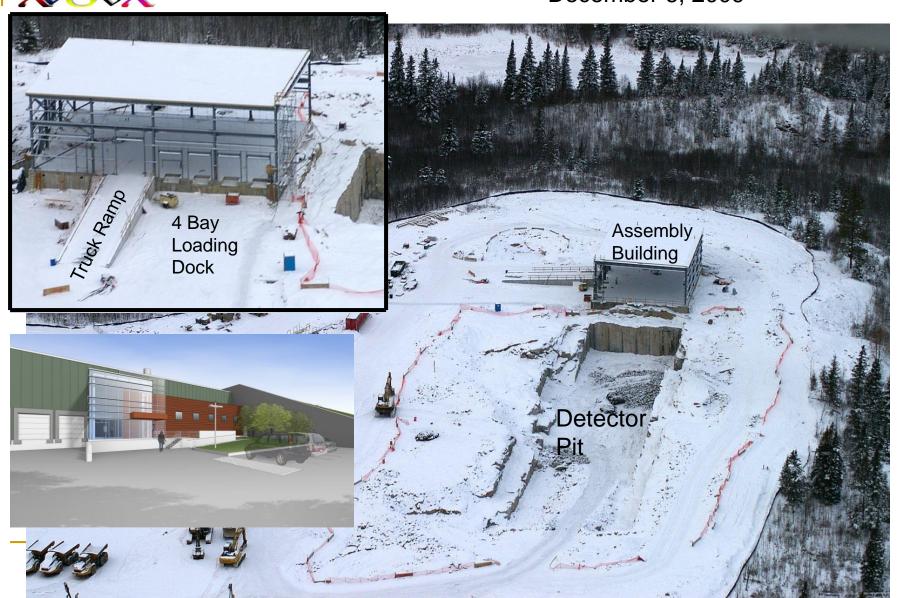
- Authorizes expenditures on all parts of the project.
- Total project cost = 278 M\$.
- History:
  - CD-0 Nov 2005
  - CD-1 May 2007
  - CD-2 Sep 2008
  - CD-3a Oct 2008
  - CD-3b Oct 2009

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## Construction Progress at Ash River

December 6, 2009





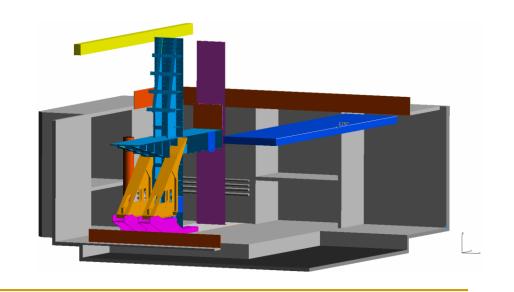
# Full Size Assembly Prototype Completed at Argonne

 5-layer full size prototype to study time, motion, and precision.



#### Construction Started on the Full Height Engineering Prototype

- The FHEP will be built at Argonne and installed in the CDF building.
- It is a 31-plane full height, 2-module wide prototype.
- Its purpose is to study lifting and placing blocks and mechanical properties when filled with liquid.



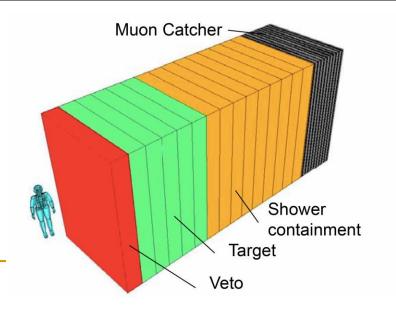


#### Construction of the Near Detector to Start Soon

The Near Detector will be run on the surface in the offaxis NuMI beam prior to being moved underground in the 2012 shutdown.

**NOvA Near** Detector on the Surface

- Building outfitting to be completed by June.
- Installation of modules and filling over the summer.

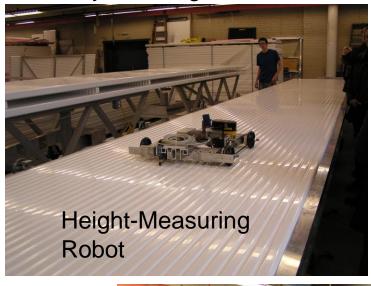




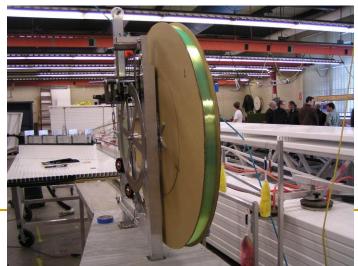
### Temporary Module Factory at the University of Minnesota

Lease for the production factory to be signed soon.





Fiber Stringer



Leak Test





#### Far Detector Schedule

 3-months float in the start of the 2012 shutdown, so acceleration is possible.

#### **Current NOvA Schedule**

