A ceremonial groundbreaking for the Phase IV engineering complex expansion was celebrated Oct. 25 on the K-State campus. The planned 107,000-square-foot addition, slated for completion in the fall of 2015, will include offices and labs for the departments of computing and information sciences, and electrical and computer engineering; state-of-the-art classrooms; a 250-seat lecture hall; shared design and fabrication facilities for student competition teams; the Carl and Mary Ice Reception Center; and a larger, upgraded collaborative learning center.

Half of the funding for the $40 million project will come from the University Engineering Initiative Act (UEIA) funds, a legislative act passed in 2011 to increase the number of engineering graduates in Kansas by more than 50 percent by 2021, and the other half from private support.

“The UEIA provided us with the opportunity to build the structure, but a team effort of private support is needed to completely fund the project,” said Gary Clark, interim dean.

Learn more about the Phase IV expansion at www.engg.ksu.edu/phaseiv/