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## Berkeley Lab Selects Richmond Field Station as Preferred Site

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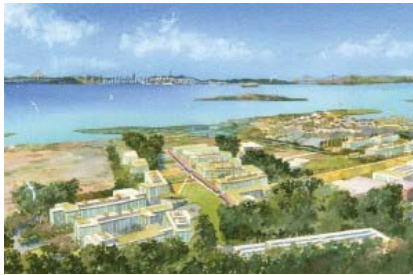
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The University of California announced today that it has identified the Richmond Field Station as its preferred site for the proposed consolidation of the biosciences programs of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab). The University of California-owned site presents the best opportunity to solve the Lab's pressing space problems while allowing for long term growth and maintaining the 80 year tradition of close cooperation with the UC Berkeley Campus.



Richmond Field Station architectural rendering

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With this identification of a preferred site, the University will now move ahead with developing environmental impact studies and with the process of seeking final approval from the US Department of Energy for the project.

"Each city, community, and their developer partners presented extremely thoughtful and well-formulated proposals for us to consider, for which we are deeply grateful," says Berkeley Lab Director Paul Alivisatos. "The communities of Albany, Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Richmond have been true partners in this process. While we can only pick one site, we hope that the new relationships we've made will continue to help us foster excitement in science. The enthusiasm is wonderful affirmation of the desire of the entire East Bay to be part of developing scientific solutions to some of the greatest challenges facing our society."

The University of California received more than 20 responses when a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released earlier this year. The number of sites under review was narrowed in May to:

- **Alameda Point**, in the city of Alameda;
- **Berkeley Aquatic Park West**, located in West Berkeley;
- **Brooklyn Basin**, located in Oakland;
- **Emeryville/Berkeley**, (includes properties currently occupied by the Lab in Emeryville and West Berkeley);
- **Golden Gate Fields**, spanning the cities of Berkeley and Albany;

- **Richmond Field Station**, a site currently owned by the University of California.

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