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State Representative Michael Weaver (R-Charleston), a strong supporter of the project, said he expects the release of the funds in September. Once the funds are released, Weaver said bid letting should take place in October. Then, following review of the bids by the Board, construction could start as early as November.

Dean Ted Ivarie of the Lumpkin College of Business says the new facility will improve the quality of classroom instruction and will provide a necessary element toward accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

It is expected that construction will be completed in October 1990, with Eastern able to accept the building by December 1990.

The project will be accelerated due to Eastern's earlier decision to supplement Capital Development Board funds with private donations. This enabled the architect to complete work through the construction drawings phase.

Now, when construction funds are approved and released to the Capital Development Board by the State, the project can be released for bidding immediately. Had this not been done, bidding could have been delayed as much as six months.

The addition will be located between the existing Coleman and Klehm Halls and plans include connecting it to both buildings.

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It will be four stories, with classrooms, auditoriums, student advisement offices, microcomputer labs and a student lounge on the first and second floors. The upper stories will house faculty and staff administrative offices and a faculty lounge.

The Lumpkin College of Business has over 2,500 students enrolled and classes are presently held in six different facilities throughout the campus.