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DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION AWARD FOR NEW WESLACO BEE LABORATORY

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WASHINGTON -- Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, announced Thursday that construction of a new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) bee research laboratory in Weslaco is one step closer to getting underway.

Rep. de la Garza was informed by USDA officials Thursday that Descon Construction, Inc., in McAllen, will be awarded the \$2.7 million construction contract. Rep. de la Garza won congressional approval of funding for the new facility in last year's agricultural appropriations bill.

"The new facility will allow USDA to expand its research on a variety of honeybee problems, including the spread of the Africanized honeybee, improving crop pollination, and control of parasitic mites," Rep. de la Garza said.

Actual construction of the USDA Agricultural Research Service facility will begin following an anticipated July 6, 1992 groundbreaking ceremony.

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