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LARGE CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE

Canam Construction has won the \$6.3 million contract for the construction of the Bible College of New Zealand's \$8.5 million library and resource centre at its Lincoln Road campus in Henderson, west Auckland.

The first stage of the project, the refurbishment of an accommodation block at the collage has already been completed. Work has just started on the new resource centre, the largest project undertaken by a theological institution in New Zealand for some years, and the largest by far in the college's 80-year history.

When completed, the library and resource centre will service the college's main campus plus its 10 venues around the country providing study space for 400 full-time students, teaching and computer labs, a rare book collection room, information technology resources, archives and research facilities.

Among the resources will be a rare collection of historical documents and literature from theologian and sociologist Frank Glen, including original missionary letters, material concerning New Zealand pioneer settlements, and 500 volumes of antiquarian literature from the period 1527-1900.

With a current roll of 2000 students, BCNZ is the South Pacific's largest evangelical theological training institution. It provides NZQA accredited awards from certificate to degree and doctorate levels and in recent years has seen huge roll growth.

Canam Construction is a privately owned New Zealand company employing 100 people, specialising in design build projects. It is just completing New Zealand's largest stadium, the \$20 million Trusts Stadium in Central Park, Henderson.

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