

## **THE ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE EXPANSION/RENOVATION PROJECT**



Under the beneficial auspices of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that the Buffalo Building & Construction Trades Council successfully lobbied for, the \$241 million Roswell Park Cancer Institute expansion/renovation project officially kicked off in 1993. It was expected to be completed by 1998. Throughout its five-year construction period, state officials estimate the economic impact of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute project will total more than \$500 million and create 5,000 construction-related jobs.

According to the project's construction management firm, Lehrer McGovern Bovis, as of mid-1996 the Roswell Park Cancer Institute PLA had kept the project more than \$2 million under budget. In addition, the pro-worker, pro-Western New York PLA assured prevailing wages were paid to construction workers, as well as assuring that certain levels for minority hiring, placement of apprentices and work rules were met.

Among the highlights of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute that are to enhance the institute's existing 1.29 million-square-foot facility and campus that sprawls out over 25 acres near Carlton and Elms streets in Buffalo: an eight-story, 440,000-square-foot, 130-plus bed, hospital building that features a four-story atrium in its lobby. The facility's upper floors will lead to various clinics and are to be ringed with walkways. The project also features a four-story, 150,000-square-foot medical research laboratory.

"This is another fine example of what the Buffalo Building & Construction Trades Council is all about... another major construction project built under budget with quality workmanship that we as union-represented workers and Western New Yorkers can be proud of," Trades Council Daniel M. Boody said.