A construction worker guides a steel beam into place earlier this month at Hancock College's new One-Stop Student Services Center building. Workers have started piecing together the steel skeleton for the center, which is scheduled to be done by July 2012.

**HANCOCK'S ONE-STOP ADDITION**

School's new facility beginning to take shape

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The skyline at Hancock College is changing almost daily. Wide Flange Steel of Fontana has began piecing together the heavy I-beam steel skeleton that will become the One-Stop Student Services Center and the face of the Santa Maria campus's Bradley Road entrance.

Up until December, nearly all of the work on the $30.3 million project has been at or below ground level. But during the past two weeks, the 64,894-square-foot complex has begun to take shape.

The project is about 33 weeks behind its projected schedule, according to Felix Hernandez Jr., vice president of facilities and operations, but crews have another year and a half to catch up. The project is scheduled to be completed in July 2012.

"Getting everything together, working with the steel took a little longer than anticipated," Hernandez said.

"Wide Flange began setting the large steel beams the second week of December. San Diego-based Soltek Pacific Construction plans on getting the building enclosed as soon as possible," Soltek Assistant Project Engineer Blanca Sanchez said of the steel frame.

"Once this is up, everything else starts to go in," Soltek Assistant Project Engineer Blanca Sanchez said of the steel frame.
The framework of Hancock College’s new One-Stop Student Services Center building rises up on campus earlier this month.

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This is Soltek’s second project at Hancock College. The company helped build the multipurpose skills center about five years ago. Several local subcontractors are lined up to work on the project once the steel frame is complete. Electric Craft of San Luis Obispo, Midland Sheet Metal, Elevating General Engineering and Precision Concrete, all of Santa Maria, and Gilbert’s Landscape and Maintenance of Atascadero are just some of the local companies working on the One-Stop.

Once the complex is built, the second phase of the project will involve demolishing the existing administration buildings. The surrounding parking lot then will be reconfigured.

The college seeks bids for two more projects in January. The Public Safety Complex in Lompoc and an addition to the Childcare Center on the Santa Maria campus are next in line. Hernandez said the college’s Fine Arts Complex will go out for bid near the end of 2011.

“Things are moving right along. It’s an exciting time to be at the college,” he said.