



Encompass Architects is renovating Sheridan Elementary School.

Retail, office and public sectors growing markets in Lincoln and surrounding areas

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Lincoln is experiencing strong development in the public sector and the retail and office market, according to construction companies and a commercial real estate firm.

Cheever Construction is building a new school, Paul Adams Elementary, for the Lincoln Public Schools. The company is also working on an indoor air quality project at Sheridan Elementary, adding new mechanical and electrical systems.

"A lot of work in Lincoln now is in the educational market," said Justin Kurczer, vice president of Cheever Construction, which negotiates projects for multifamily housing, banks, office buildings, tenant finishes and medical use facilities and bids

school projects, churches, auditoriums and government facilities.

The development of educational institutions may mean expansion in the surrounding areas, Kurczer said.

"With the schools being completed, it will attract more residents and businesses in the next three to five years," he said.

Rogge General Contractors, which has had an increase in work from the Lincoln Public Schools, recently completed several remodeling projects at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"We had about 10 projects there over the summer," said Randy Rogge, president and owner. "University work has been busy in the last year, and we saw more this summer than we had for a while."