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American Society of Civil Engineers Honors San Diego Community College District Vice Chancellor David Umstot as Outstanding Civil Engineer for Public Sector

SAN DIEGO – The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) San Diego chapter has honored David Umstot, PE, Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management for the San Diego Community College District, as its 2011 Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Public Sector. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement in the field of civil engineering and honors those who advance the field of civil engineering through innovative concepts, research, and materials, who inspire leadership in the field, and who promote integrity and moral excellence. The award was presented Saturday evening at the ASCE's 23rd annual awards dinner.

“To be recognized among all the civil engineers practicing in the public sector within San Diego County is both an honor and humbling,” said Umstot, who oversees a \$1.555 billion construction bond program, facilities services and police, functions for the District. “It has been a privilege to transform our community college campuses in San Diego to world class facilities befitting the learning that takes place.”

“David was our choice for this award because of his long-term membership in ASCE and his outstanding professional career serving the public,” said Tim Shell, ASCE Vice President and the Awards Event Chairperson. “David’s work for the San Diego Unified School District and San Diego Community College District has been highly visible to the public, and he has been extremely successful in getting many important projects completed on time and within budget, but without sacrificing safety or quality. Another important factor was his willingness to share his expertise with others by collaborating with similar organizations and public agencies. Based on his credentials and his accomplishments, it was apparent to us that Mr. Umstot demonstrates the highest standard of professionalism in Civil Engineering, and that is what our award is meant to recognize.”

“Since joining us, David Umstot has introduced a number of innovative engineering-based practices in our construction program, including a number of solar and thermal energy initiatives. These and other practices have enabled us to be effective caretakers of taxpayer dollars, and also efficient stewards of precious natural resources such as water and energy,” said Constance M. Carroll, Chancellor. “We are grateful to have him on our team.”

The San Diego Community College District is the state’s second largest community college district in California, serving more than 140,000 students. The District is \$825 million into the construction bond program providing for new, state-of-the-art instructional and career training facilities, major renovations, campus wide infrastructure improvements, parking, public safety and accessibility enhancements, and renewable energy projects at City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges and six Continuing Education campuses.

Currently, there are 19 projects under construction, including a solar thermal system at the Miramar College aquatic complex, a thermal energy storage tank at Miramar College which will yield \$190,000 in energy savings annually for the District, and a 200,000 gross square foot Math+Science Complex at Mesa College – the largest project in the construction program.

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