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Design Build Institute of America Honors San Diego Community College District Vice Chancellor David Umstot with Inaugural Leadership Award

SAN DIEGO – The Design Build Institute of America, Western Pacific Region, has honored David Umstot, PE, Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management for the San Diego Community College District, with its inaugural DBIA Leadership Award. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the advance of best design-build practices and of design-build as the project delivery method of choice.

“I am humbled to be singled out by the award,” said Umstot, who oversees a \$1.555 billion construction bond program, facilities services, and police functions for the District. “Obviously without the support of our Chancellor and Board, a great District team and the design-build community, none of this could be accomplished.”

“Since joining us, Dave Umstot has introduced a number of new practices in our construction program, including design-build and construction management multiple-prime delivery methods. These and other practices have enabled us to reach two critical goals: expediting the many projects in our construction bond program, and involving diverse providers, including minority-owned, woman-owned, disabled veterans, and small businesses,” said San Diego Community College District Chancellor Constance M. Carroll. “Dave is, as they say, the ‘real deal,’ and we are grateful to have him on our team.

“This award is yet another indication of the remarkable and positive impact Dave has had on the San Diego Community College District,” said Rich Grosch, President of the Board of Trustees for the District. “As a true leader in his field, the Board and I greatly appreciate the tremendous skills and innovation Dave brings to the job and we are very happy he is being recognized by the DBIA.”

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 \$900 million into [\\$1.555 billion Propositions S and N](#)

[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.

The District has migrated from traditional delivery to alternative delivery methods over the course of the past four years. In an effort to create more project value, the District has embraced design-build delivery with early involvement of specialty trade contractors to pursue set-based design, reduce life cycle costs and reduce waste in the construction process. The move to design-build has been based on several variables and lessons learned:

- Traditional delivery is not working
- All parties are interest-based rather than project-centric
- An inordinate amount of time was spent on change management, which is wasteful.
- As a public agency, the use of traditional delivery method had meant the District was stuck with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder regardless of past history

The use of design-build delivery returns several advantages as an owner:

- Qualifications-based selection with consideration of price
- Matching of firm past experiences and performance with project need
- Greater opportunity to select project manager and superintendent
- Saving of money by consolidating CM owner agent general conditions and supervision into a single contract
- Best value with target budgeting

The use of design-build has enabled the District to integrate the vision of its Board of Trustees for diversity among the contracting and design teams. Proposers are now required to provide a Subcontracting Plan for Small and Historically Underutilized Business, demonstrating their commitment to the District's Contractor Outreach Program and to the utilization of small, disadvantaged, minority- or woman-owned and veteran-owned business concerns on design-build teams.

The District has 12 current and pending design-build projects, including the [Miramar College Police Station and Parking Structure](#), a \$17.8 million project that is due to be completed in July 2011, several months ahead of schedule; and the [City College Math & Social Sciences Building](#), a \$83.5 million project due to be completed in September 2012.

As part of the Green Building Policy developed by the SDCCD Board of Trustees, all construction and major renovations included in the bond program are designed and built to obtain, at minimum, LEED Silver certification.

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