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San Diego Community College District honored for facility master planning

Master plan for College solo category honoree in statewide professional design awards program

SACRAMENTO – The San Diego City College Facility [Master Plan](#) was the sole honoree in the Master Planning category of the 2010 Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC) Professional Design Awards. The awards were announced Tuesday in Sacramento at the CCFC's annual conference. The Plan was developed for the campus by Carrier Johnson + CULTURE architects.

Jurors said, 'The master plan provides for the campus to be integrated into an urban setting by providing a strong vertical presence and it softens the lines of adjacent buildings. It integrates otherwise very utilitarian types of facilities, like the parking structure, with architectural enhancements that make it appear to be part of the rest of the campus. The orientation and organization of the instructional areas appear to be very balanced. '

"The City College Master Plan frames how this esteemed San Diego institution will integrate into the fabric of downtown San Diego," said David Umstot, Vice Chancellor Facilities Management for the San Diego Community College District. "We are honored that the Community College Facility Coalition presented an Award of Merit recognizing the thoroughness and thoughtful process behind the plan."

Development of the City College Master Plan utilized a collaborative approach with set principles and defined objectives to ultimately guide the addition of seven new-from-the-ground instructional and career/vocational training facilities, seven major renovations, three infrastructure projects, ADA and public safety enhancements, parking and pedestrian access enhancements, and landscape upgrades utilizing high-efficiency irrigation and drought-tolerant landscaping. The final campus build-out will total approximately 10 acres of redeveloped area, 700,000 SF of new and/or remodeled/renovated academic space, and 1,643 new parking spaces.

Six principles were established for visionary objectives and practical requirements:

- **Maintain a Collaborative Process** – Promote community and city agency input and incorporate all anticipated and future projects.

- **Project Design** – Cluster related academic programs; incorporate state-of-the-art technology; allow for instructional flexibility; incorporate sustainable technology; and develop peripheral parking.
- **Campus Accessibility and Safety** – Way-finding and convenience; sufficient, convenient parking; intuitive campus pedestrian circulation; and pedestrian and vehicular access.
- **Embrace and Enhance a Collegial Environment** – Create a unified campus with clearly identified academic “neighborhoods” linked by greenspace and pedestrian pathways; design attractive and diverse outdoor spaces for learning and gathering; plan welcoming campus gateways; and enhance the campus’ symbolic presence and strong identity within the downtown core.
- **Link Campus Areas** – Bridge city streets and enhance walkability.
- **Strategize Growth & Phasing** – Minimize construction impacts, avoid instructional space loss during construction, and consider long-term growth.

Unifying the campus within the context of the surrounding urban fabric and creating a strong campus identity required specific attention to the newer, eastern edge of the campus. This included focused efforts to:

- **Link Campus Green Spaces** – Create a visual link of the two large greenspace areas in the Arts and Science “neighborhoods” with the enhancement of the existing tree area and mirroring this landscape on the northern face of the site.
- **Create a Campus Gateway Experience** – Use architecture and landscape elements to define arrival points for the campus as a whole. These elements are envisioned as a combination of building form, landscaped elements and hardscape.
- **Respect the City’s Urban Street Edges** – Defined by buildings in close proximity to the street, street trees and a pedestrian-oriented scale of the streetscape.

Specific emphasis was paid to conditions resulting from acquisition of new parcels to support the build-out. These conditions included significant topographical issues and practical conditions of easements and utilities, which influence conceptual building placement and future detailed building design. Design considerations included development of the 16th Street and C Street corridors as primary pedestrian paths and key building entrances focused internally into the campus.

In keeping with SDCCD’s Green Building Policy, all eligible projects include formal pursuit of LEED Silver as a *minimum* standard; utilization of materials with recycled content and from local sources; and an emphasis on integration, efficiency and performance. Ten percent of the energy utilized must be renewable with at least five percent of the total project’s energy generated on-site; the balance supplied by utility companies as green power. All projects will exceed Title 24 by at least 10 percent. All projects will achieve at least 75 percent waste diversion of construction and demolition debris.

The City College Master Plan was developed as part of the SDCCD’s \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program, providing for new, state-of-the-art instructional and career training facilities, major renovations, infrastructure projects, parking and public safety projects at [City](#), [Mesa](#) and [Miramar](#) Colleges, and six [Continuing Education](#) campuses. For more information, please visit www.public.sdccdprops-n.com.