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## San Diego Mesa College kicks off construction of new Center for Business & Technology

*State-of-the-art facility will be home for School of Business and Technology, which includes Mesa's business, digital technology, and computer information science programs.*



**What:** San Diego Mesa College will host a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Center for Business & Technology – one of Mesa's final classroom building projects under Propositions S and N. The 60,000 gross-square-foot, two-story building will include classrooms and laboratories for courses in the School of Business and Technology.

**When:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** San Diego Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Dr., San Diego, CA 92111

**Program Speakers:**

- Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D., President, San Diego Mesa College
- Maria Nieto Senour, Ph.D., President, SDCCD Board of Trustees
- Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D., Chancellor, SDCCD
- Chris Manis, Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management
- Danene Brown, Ph.D., Dean, School of Business and Technology
- Ty Aloe, San Diego Mesa College alumnus, i2i award winner, and local entrepreneur

**Visuals/Media Availability:**

- Ceremonial groundbreaking with gold shovels, large excavation and construction equipment; interviews with SDCCD and Mesa College campus officials and students can be arranged beforehand upon request.

**Center for Business and Technology Project Team:**

- Design/Build Team: Balfour Beatty Construction and Gensler
- Electrical Engineer: Michael Wall Engineering
- Mechanical/Plumbing: Southland Industries
- Structural Engineer: Burkett & Wong
- Landscape Architect: McCullough Landscape
- Civil Engineer: SWS Engineering
- Campus Project Manager: Jim Bray, Gafcon, Inc.
- Project Manager: Brian Browning, Gafcon, Inc.

**About the Center for Business and Technology**

The new \$32.2 million, 57,800 gross square feet Center for Business & Technology will serve as home for Mesa's business, computer, and fashion design programs. The facility will include technology-rich classrooms, a case study-type classroom, computer laboratory classrooms, a fashion design laboratory, and faculty and staff space. The entry to the building will include a large video display wall. The project will also include hardscape and landscape improvements.

In keeping with the district's [Green Building Policy](#) for all Propositions S and N-funded projects, the Center for Business & Technology is expected to be awarded a [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design](#) (LEED) Silver certification for green building and design – one of 42 LEED certifications across the District. It includes a number of sustainable features:

- The building will have an active/hybrid passive ventilation on the second floor classrooms and faculty offices. The ventilation system uses a series of efficient rooftop air handling units with individual Variable Air Volume (VAV) systems in each room; each room has an operable opening of at least 5% of the floor area. Once a window is opened, the system is signaled to turn off heating/cooling and actively assist with pulling air through the space with the VAVs.
- The building design maximizes the use of natural daylighting; commissioning collaboration from an early stage will continue to ensure optimal building efficiencies.
- Drought tolerant landscaping and [bio-retention](#) features design to filter and treat stormwater runoff.

The \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program provides new state-of-the-art instructional and career training facilities, major renovations, and campuswide infrastructure projects at City, Mesa and Miramar colleges and six Continuing Education campuses throughout San Diego. For more information, please visit <http://props-n.sdccd.edu/Pages/Home.aspx>. For high-resolution images, contact Ursula Kroemer at [ukroemer@sdccd.edu](mailto:ukroemer@sdccd.edu).