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Contractors honor San Diego Community College District's Propositions S and N construction bond program

Associated General Contractors cite innovation and maximum value for community in rare award

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) was honored Thursday for management of its \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program with the *2009 Build San Diego Public Owner Award* by the San Diego chapter of the Associated General Contractors; only the second time in 10 years the chapter has recognized a public construction bond program.

In presenting the award, San Diego AGC President Kevin Elliott said the AGC felt the District was deserving of special recognition for the Propositions S and N program for “providing critically needed educational classrooms, laboratories, libraries, technology training facilities, support facilities and critical campus infrastructure projects.”

“Outstanding facilities have been added to each campus,” said Elliott. “And we are confident that these facilities have improved the educational experience offered by the colleges for thousands of students.”

Combined, Proposition S, a \$685 million bond program passed by voters in 2002, along with Proposition N, an \$870 million bond passed in 2006, are providing for new teaching and learning facilities, major renovations and campus wide infrastructure projects at City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges, and six Continuing Education campuses throughout San Diego.

“The District staff and their consultants have moved this program forward in a professional manner that has created a project delivery system that encourages innovation and maximizes the value of each and every project the District has undertaken,” said Elliott.

“We are honored to be recognized by the AGC for our management efforts and innovative approaches to delivering better value to the taxpayers,” said David Umstot, Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management for the SDCCD, upon accepting the award. “Our Board has been highly supportive of our management approach and should be commended. We are also please to have expended \$140 million in our local community in fiscal year

2008-2009 and creating 5,500 construction jobs in just the past two years in a difficult time for our construction industry.”

“Through an accelerated construction schedule, through the use of modern construction management methods, and with a sharp eye to sustainable and green technologies, our building program has really become a model,” said SDCCD Chancellor Constance Carroll.

“We are pleased that Standard & Poor's has given our district the highest bond rating of all the 72 California community college districts, which also recognizes excellent management, and we are grateful to the ongoing participation of our independent Citizens' Oversight Committee for Propositions S and N, which helps keep us on track,” she added. “The community should be proud of our district's excellent stewardship of their bond money through this phenomenal building program.”

Thirty-one projects have been completed so far under Propositions S and N, including, most recently, the new [Allied Health Building](#) at Mesa College, the new [West City Campus](#) and new [Skills Center](#) for San Diego Continuing Education, and the new [Hourglass Park Field House](#) at Miramar College. Six other projects are currently under construction, including the new [Arts & Humanities](#) and [Business, Technology and Mathematics](#) buildings at Miramar College, and the future [Career Technology Center](#) at City College. Eighteen other projects are in the design stage, and include the [Student Services Building](#) at Mesa College, the [Arts & Humanities and Business Technology quad at](#) City College, and the [Library Learning Resource Center](#) (LLRC) at Miramar College. As part of the District's Green Building Policy, all projects are designed to obtain the highest possible certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC)'s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

Several firms involved in the Propositions S and N construction bond program were also honored by the AGC. They include: Barnhart, Inc.; Gould Electric, Inc.; Jaynes Corp.; PCL Construction Services, Inc.; Sundt Construction, Inc.; Swinerton Builders; and Turner Construction Company. Additionally, many honored projects were designed by architects on the SDCCD's [preferred design team](#). They include Carrier Johnson, Joseph Wong Design Associates, NTD Architecture, Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects, and Zagrodnik + Thomas Architects.

For additional information on the \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program, please visit www.sdccdprops-n.com. For high-resolution renderings or photographs of the projects, please contact Ursula Kroemer, Communications Director, Propositions S and N Construction Bond program, at (619) 231-6100 or ukroemer@gafcon.com. For additional information on the San Diego Community College District, please visit www.sdccd.edu or call the Public Information Office at (619) 388-6914.