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## C.W. Driver recognized in 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Contractor Recognition Program by the San Diego Community College District

**SAN DIEGO** - The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) has recognized C.W. Driver for its seventh annual Contractor Recognition Program, historically honoring firms for their exemplary performance as small or historically underutilized firms in construction or professional services, and large contractors for best practices in engaging small, minority, woman-owned, disabled veteran-owned, or disadvantaged businesses.

“The San Diego Community College District is very proud of the participation of small and historically underutilized businesses in the District’s \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N construction bond program,” said Constance M. Carroll, Chancellor. “Our annual recognition program was established to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of firms that embody our commitment to diversity and to excellence in contracting and employment.”



“By promoting the use of these small firms on their projects, our general contractors and construction managers are helping the District to ensure that local small business can continue to grow, thrive, and contribute to our local economy,” she added.

To date, 1,367 contracts for Propositions S- and N-related work have been issued to firms certified as small, disadvantaged, minority-owned, woman-owned, or disabled veteran-owned, approximately 57% of all bond program contracts, totaling more than \$363 million.

In announcing C.W. Driver as this year’s sole recipient during the recognition event July 19, Chris Manis, the District’s Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management, noted that the firm had completed several projects

throughout the District. In its proposed subcontracting plan for the Mesa College Fine Arts building, it had committed to 51% of the work to small and disadvantaged firms.

“It’s more typical to see firms with a commitment of 30% or so,” said Manis. “What’s noteworthy here is that not only did they meet their goal of 51%, they exceeded it – ending up with about 71% of all subcontracting dollars going to these smaller firms.”

“We are very pleased to be recognized for our efforts to include small and HUBE firms in our projects. The District’s strong leadership in promoting a culture of inclusivity is a great match for our values and we are proud to have met the District’s expectations,” said Hank Withaar, C. W. Driver’s Vice President of Operations. “This was a true team effort by District and C.W. Driver and we thank you again for the opportunity to be of service.”

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://public.sdccdprops-n.com/Pages/Home.aspx>. To read about previous recipients, please visit <http://props-n.sdccd.edu/CR/Pages/Recognition.aspx>.

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