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Los Angeles Community Colleges Award More Than \$650,000 in Construction Contracts to Small Businesses for Campus Upgrades

Contracts will bring needed construction services and upgrades to the Harbor, Valley, and Trade-Tech campuses as part of the Proposition A/AA Bond Program

Oct. 24, 2005 (LOS ANGELES) – The Los Angeles Community Colleges, consisting of nine Los Angeles-area campuses, announced today that it has awarded \$651,020 in construction contracts to three separate small businesses for upgrades and renovations at three of its campuses. Each contract is the result of competitive bidding and will be funded, in part, by Propositions A and AA, as part of the \$2.2 billion bond construction program overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2001 and 2003.

The Colleges' Board of Trustees authorized the following construction contracts on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005:

Harbor College: The LACCD Board of Trustees authorized an agreement with Kahromic Contracting Inc. for the "Ceiling Mitigation Phase II" project at Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC) in the amount of \$395,000. This project will allow for the construction of the final phase for a seismic retrofit of ceilings in buildings on the LAHC campus. Partial funding for this project is through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – additional funding is from Proposition AA Bond proceeds as part of the Bond modernization projects.

Valley College: The LACCD Board of Trustees authorized an agreement with TEI-TECH Construction Inc. for the "Ceiling Mitigation Phase II" project at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) in the amount of \$172,120. This project will allow for the construction of the final phase for a seismic retrofit of ceilings in buildings on the LAVC campus. Partial funding is through FEMA – with a 25 percent match from Proposition AA Bond proceeds.

L.A. Trade-Technical College: The LACCD Board of Trustees authorized an agreement with C.G. Construction Inc. to provide pumps and other construction services for the Math and Science Building – Pumps and Others project at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College in the amount of \$83,900. Funding for this project is being provided through Proposition A Bond proceeds.

The Los Angeles Community Colleges are committed to contracting with small businesses to the greatest extent possible. Companies interested in participating in the historic renovation and modernization of the nine campuses are encouraged to contact Donetta Pickett at Donetta.Pickett@dmjmgm.com, and to visit www.propositiona.org and click on "Doing Business with Us."

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