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Los Angeles Community Colleges Award More Than \$49 Million in Construction Contracts, Including L.A. Harbor College's New "Green" Student Services Building

Contracts will bring needed construction and upgrade services to East Los Angeles, Harbor, Mission, Valley, West L.A. and Trade-Technical Colleges as part of the \$2.2 billion Proposition A/AA Bond program

May 17, 2006 (LOS ANGELES) The Los Angeles Community Colleges announced today that it awarded \$49,013,954 in construction contracts in April 2006 to businesses for construction and upgrade projects at six of its nine colleges. Each contract is the result of formal competitive bidding and will be funded by the Proposition A/AA Bond program, the \$2.2 billion bond measure overwhelmingly approved by Los Angeles voters in 2001 and 2003.

The Colleges' Board of Trustees authorized the following construction contracts in April 2006:

Los Angeles Harbor College: An agreement was authorized with Mallcraft, Inc., a local general contractor based in Pasadena, Calif., to provide construction services for the Student Services Building and the Northeast Academic Classroom Building project in the amount of \$34,791,000. Funding for this project is provided by Proposition A/AA Bond proceeds.

A contract was also authorized with Ford E.C., Inc., a local business based in Santa Monica, Calif., for \$11,696,000 to provide construction services for the new Facilities Management and Operations headquarters building on Harbor's campus. The contract includes services for demolition, site grading and special construction of a photovoltaic system for the new building.

Los Angeles Mission College: A contract was authorized with Siekertech, Inc., a local business based in West Hills, Calif., for the Campus Center Computer Lab and Classroom project in the amount of \$6,026. This project will provide for the purchase and installation of additional audiovisual equipment, including an audio mixer cart and electronic SMART Board, an interactive whiteboard. This project is funded by Proposition A/AA Bond proceeds.

Los Angeles Valley College: An agreement was authorized with TEK-UP Construction, Inc., a local business based in Woodland Hills, Calif., to provide construction services for the Behavioral Science Building and Campus Center Building—Second Floor Classrooms project in the amount of \$929,232. Funding for this project is provided through Proposition A/AA Bond proceeds.

East L.A. College: A contract was authorized with C.J. Tech Construction, a small and local business based in Los Angeles, Calif., to provide construction services for the Temporary Facilities - Relocation of Swing Space project in the amount of \$737,000. This project is funded by Proposition A/AA Bond proceeds.

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Los Angeles Trade-Technical College: A contract for \$779,489 was awarded to Project Development Group, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of PDG Environmental, Inc., to provide demolition services for the PTA building and Apffels Coffee building structures and abatement of hazardous materials for the South Campus - Demolition project. The demolition of the existing structures will make way for the South Campus projects, the largest construction projects planned for the campus that will include two five-story classroom buildings, underground parking and a new athletic field.

West L.A. College: A contract was authorized with Martin Mechanical, Inc. for the C-1 Building Boiler Replacement project in the amount of \$75,207. This contract is fully funded through the 2002-2003 Hazardous Substance Program.

The Los Angeles Community Colleges comprise one of the largest community college districts in the country and has received numerous awards for its commitment to sustainable building and its innovative construction and management practices. The Los Angeles Community Colleges are committed to contracting with local and small businesses to the greatest extent possible. Companies interested in participating in the historic renovation and modernization projects at the nine colleges are encouraged to contact Donetta Pickett at Donetta.Pickett@dmjmjgm.com, and to visit the website at www.PropositionA.org and click on "Doing Business with Us."

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