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L.A. Community College District Receives Flex Your Power Award for Excellence in Adopting Energy Efficiency Technologies

Award recognizes sustainable technologies incorporated at the District's nine colleges, as part of its green building campaign funded by the \$2.2 billion Proposition A/AA bond program

May 16, 2006 (LOS ANGELES) – The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), one of the largest community college districts in the country, was honored today for its commitment to incorporating sustainable energy technologies with a Flex Your Power award. Flex Your Power, California's statewide energy efficiency campaign, presented the awards to LACCD and other recipients during the Board of Water and Power Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power headquarters in Downtown Los Angeles. LACCD Board of Trustees President Sylvia Scott-Hayes accepted the award on behalf of the District.

“We at the Los Angeles Community College District are deeply committed to sustainable building because of the benefits to our students,” said Sylvia Scott-Hayes, president of the Board of Trustees. **“This award is particularly gratifying because it recognizes the efforts we are making to protect our environment and save money on our energy bills at each of our nine colleges.”**

LACCD was chosen as one of the award recipients by representatives from California Business Roundtable, California Energy Commission, California Urban Water Conservation Council, California Farm Bureau Federation, Energy Foundation, League of California Cities, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Building Owners and Managers Association, and Southern California Edison.

“It’s great to receive this award from Flex Your Power, as it recognizes that we are in the midst of one of the largest public-sector green-building projects in the nation, ” said Larry Eisenberg, executive director of facilities planning and development for LACCD. **“With more than 40 new or renovated buildings that will meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) standards, LACCD is leading the way to building green.”**

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In 2005, LACCD was also recognized by Flex Your Power as one of seven recipients for its award in Education and Leadership for the District's efforts in adopting energy efficiency measures. LACCD's nine colleges are transforming their campuses by adopting energy efficient technologies such as rooftop photovoltaic cells, on-site solar and micro turbine generation systems, ultra-low wattage lighting and energy saving mechanical equipment. These sustainable technologies being adopted by the colleges are part of the District's green building campaign, and are funded by the \$2.2 billion Proposition A/AA Bond program.

The Flex Your Power Awards originated in 2001 to acknowledge outstanding leadership in energy efficiency that helped California through the energy crisis. A total of 35 organizations won this year's award. The combined energy savings of the 35 award winners alone totals \$71 million dollars and 275 million kWh—enough to power more than 45,000 homes. For more information, visit the website at www.FYPower.org.

The Los Angeles Community College District is one of the largest community college districts in the country, educating more than 120,000 students at its nine colleges each year. LACCD is currently undertaking the largest public sector sustainable building program in the United States as part of its \$2.2 billion construction and renovation projects, funded by the Proposition A/AA Bond program. LACCD has also shown strong leadership in its adoption of sustainable energy principles and has set the goal to self produce 25 percent of its energy needs with 10 percent utilizing photovoltaic cells. For more information, visit the website at www.PropositionA.org.



Sylvia Scott-Hayes (l), president of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and Mary Nichols, president of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, at the DWP after the presentation of the Flex Your Power award recognizing LACCD for its commitment to energy efficiency.



(L-R) George Chan, Flex Your Power; Sylvia Scott-Hayes, president of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD); George Gero, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; and Larry Eisenberg, executive director of Facilities Planning and Development for LACCD, at the DWP after the presentation of the Flex Your Power award recognizing LACCD for its commitment to energy efficiency.