



LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

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NEW LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE CHILD CARE & EDUCATION FACILITY RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO INTEGRATING EDUCATION, SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRINCIPLES

LOS ANGELES, March 6, 2008 -- The Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists presented Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) and Construction Controls Group with its 2008 Project Achievement Award on Feb. 22.

This honor recognizes the 32,101-square-foot LASC Child Development Center and Education Complex, which serves a dual role for the community – a safe, modern environment for early child education, as well as a teacher-training site model for child development studies. The Center was dedicated in November 2007 and constructed with funds allocated by Propositions A (2001) and AA (2003).

The \$23.2 million facility was built to “Silver Certificate” Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards developed by the U.S. Green Buildings Council, such as:

- Indoor environmental quality is addressed by low-emitting paints, carpets, adhesives, sealants and other materials in the children’s environment.
- Energy and atmosphere are addressed with photo voltaic panels installed to optimize energy performance by 33% to 38%.
- A “green building” kiosk in the lobby provides students and community members with information on all aspects of “green building” – from use of solar power and sensors to green building materials and lighting design.

In addition, the facility is the first major building and first educational facility in the United States to be coated with PURETi, an Ultra-Violet Photocatalytic Oxidation coating that is clear, colorless, environmentally friendly, water-based suspensions of nano-sized particles of photoactive titanium dioxide.

“We are proud to be recognized for this conscious effort to keep environmental considerations a priority in all new construction,” said Dr. Jack E. Daniels III, Interim President. “Our facility houses an exemplary program in child care/child development, training students to work in childcare facilities or provide foundations for students seeking careers in teaching. We are able to provide safe, affordable child care to children ages 6 months to school-age children in afterschool programs while their parents continue their education at Los Angeles Southwest College.”

Propositions A and AA have allocated \$176 million to Los Angeles Southwest College for bond-funded construction, modernization and renovation projects. Construction Controls Group has managed LASC Proposition A/AA Bond Program construction since 2004.

LASC is part of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), which is in the midst of a \$2.2 billion construction and modernization program at its nine colleges. The LACCD has directed that all new buildings at least half-funded with Proposition A/AA monies will be “green” buildings, built to LEED standards.

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Los Angeles Southwest College is committed to providing an environment for quality learning to enrich the lives of its diverse population. Currently, associate degrees in 34 disciplines and occupational certificates in 47 disciplines are offered. Founded in 1967, Los Angeles Southwest College is part of the Los Angeles Community College District.