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### **BuildLACCD Wins 2015 Leadership Award**

**At the Green California Schools & Community Colleges Summit, the 2015 Leadership Award in the Green Building category went to BuildLACCD.**

**“This honor validates our continued commitment to our sustainable building and energy policy,” said Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees president Scott Svonkin. “We owe our students and the public the most energy efficient facilities that we can possibly provide. We are achieving that goal and producing the most environmentally friendly colleges in the state by maximizing every tax dollar we receive.”**

**LACCD's \$6.2 billion building program is one of the nation's largest green construction efforts. To date, \$4.6 billion has been expended, resulting in the completion of 595 projects spread across the District's nine campuses with many more projects still in the planning or construction phase. Using a green building rating system, 40 of the completed projects are LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified. Three of the 40 are LEED platinum, the highest rating in the system.**

**“To assure that the strictest standards possible are maintained,” said Thomas Hall, director, Facilities Planning and Development, “we began an energy management and demand response program last year that enables each of our colleges to monitor their energy consumption and make any necessary adjustments.”**

**Since the beginning of the building program, BuildLACCD has focused on keeping as much of the money approved by the voters as possible in the community. Thousands of workers from the area have been employed through a local hire program and hundreds of small, local, and/or disadvantaged contractors have been utilized on the projects.**

**In addition, through internships and other programs, BuildLACCD has trained hundreds of people in new jobs that provide an entry point into a career.**

**Among the completed projects are brand new and renovated academic buildings, along with sports facilities, arts complexes, administrative buildings, child development centers and parking structures.**

**Attending classes in state-of-the-art facilities, many students are taking advantage of courses that will prepare them for jobs in the green economy.**

**“Ultimately,” said LACCD chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, “our goal is to provide an academic environment that is conducive to student success while stressing the importance of sustainable buildings in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”**

#### **ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

The Los Angeles Community College District, the nation's largest community college district, serves one-quarter million students a year in more than 36 cities in Los Angeles County at its nine colleges. The District covers nearly 900 square miles and has educated and trained the region's diverse workforce since 1969.

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