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Four local firms awarded \$31 million in Prop. MM contracts

SAN DIEGO – San Diego City Schools has awarded four local firms nearly \$31 million for eight school construction projects. The projects are funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure that funds modernization of 165 existing schools and construction of 16 new/rebuilt schools to support teaching and learning. The projects include: new library buildings to support literacy; major additions to alleviate overcrowding; additional instructional support space; wiring for Internet access; science classrooms and labs; improved access for the physically disabled (ramps, elevators); lunch court shelters; and major aesthetic and functional repairs, such as painting, roofing and paving.

The projects are scheduled to be completed by November 2003:

- **Erickson-Hall**, with a contract award of \$4,098,000, for construction work at Brooklyn Elementary School and Wilson Middle School in Mid-City. **Architect: WWB**
- **The Augustine Company**, with a contract award of \$4,295,867, for construction work at McKinley Elementary School in North Park. **Architect: WWB**
- **TB Penick and Sons**, with a contract award of \$4,985,000, for construction work at Montgomery Middle School in Linda Vista and Memorial Junior High in Logan Heights. **Architect: Sillman Wright**
- **C.E. Wylie**, with a contract award of \$4,250,000, for construction work at O'Farrell Middle School and the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts in Paradise Hills. **Architect: Edward J. Cass and Associates**

In addition, the school district has awarded its first contract for a new elementary school to the Design-Build Team of **Erickson-Hall** and **HMC Architects**, in the amount of \$13,285,860. The team will design and build the new Cherokee Point Elementary School in City Heights. The team will use the cost-effective design-build method for the project. The school is scheduled to open in Fall 2005.

To date, 97 percent of Proposition MM contract monies have been awarded to San Diego-based firms to support the local economy, and 41 percent of construction dollars have been awarded to Emerging Business Enterprises (EBE), including Women-Owned-, Disadvantaged- and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises. Proposition MM was passed in November 1998 by 78 percent of San Diego voters. It is the largest active public works program in the County of San Diego, and the second largest in California.

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