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Local firms awarded \$43 million in Prop. MM contracts

SAN DIEGO – San Diego City Schools has awarded eight local firms \$43 million for 12 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.

Building new schools

The Design-Build team of douglas e. barnhart, inc., and Ruhnau Ruhnau Clark Architects has been awarded the contract, in the amount of \$15,738,475, for the new Herbert Ibarra Elementary School in City Heights. The team will use the design-build method for the project. Construction will begin in May 2004, and the school will open in Fall 2005.

Modernizing existing schools

Several local construction firms have been awarded contracts for modernization of existing schools. Projects include: new library buildings; major additions to ease overcrowding; 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 following projects are kicking off in April 2003:

- **F. H. Paschen, S. N. Nielsen, Inc.**, with a contract award of \$5,616,000, for modernization and additions at Madison High. Project completion: August 2004. **Architect: Platt/Whitelaw Architects**
- **Murray Builders**, with a contract award of \$2,197,800, for the modernization project at Longfellow Elementary. Project completion: March 2004. **Architect: Leidenfrost/Horowitz & Associates**
- **The Augustine Company**, with a contract award of \$6,303,303, for the modernization and expansion project at Marshall and Darnall elementary schools. Project completion: April 2004. **Architect: Leidenfrost/Horowitz & Associates**
- **Soltek Pacific**, with a contract award of \$2,546,000, for the modernization project at Jefferson Elementary. Project completion: March 2004. **Architect: Roesling Nakamura Architects**
- **C. E. Wylie Construction Co.**, with a contract award of \$7,200,000, for modernization, addition and expansion projects at Oak Park Elementary and Gompers Secondary, and the lunch shelter at Logan Elementary. Project completion: March 2004. **Architect: Roesling Nakamura Architects**
- **John Carey Construction Company, Inc.**, with a contract award of \$900,000, for the modernization project at Hamilton Elementary. Project completion: March 2004. **Architect: Leidenfrost/Horowitz & Associates**
- **Westcoast Corp. dba Westcoast Nielsen**, with a contract award of \$2,839,000, for the modernization and additions projects at Mac Dowell and Pacific Beach elementary schools. Project completion: February 2004. **Architect: Platt/Whitelaw Architects**

To date, 97 percent of Proposition MM contract monies have been awarded to San Diego-based firms to support the local economy, and 37 percent of construction dollars have been awarded to Emerging Business Enterprises (EBE), including Women-Owned-, Disadvantaged- and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises.

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