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LACCD Terminates West Los Angeles College Program Manager as Reform of Building Program Moves Forward

Turner Construction Company also Agrees Not to Seek New Contracts Before 2015

Los Angeles, December 7, 2011 – Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees President Miguel Santiago announced today that the District has terminated West Los Angeles College program manager Turner Construction Company under a settlement reached with the company and approved by the Board of Trustees.

"Our aggressive efforts to reform the building program took a major step forward today with the termination of West Los Angeles College's program manager," said Santiago. "Where we find mismanagement or waste of taxpayer dollars, we will take whatever steps necessary to protect the integrity of the Program and ensure that our students, faculty, and communities are getting the facilities we promised."

"The Board's strong leadership was critical to this positive outcome, and I am pleased that we can resolve this situation without significant disruption or litigation costs," said LACCD Chancellor Daniel LaVista. "We can now move quickly to put a new manager in place to complete the important building program improvements at West LA College."

West Los Angeles College, located in Culver City, is one of nine colleges of the LACCD, the largest community college district in the nation.

LACCD and the Board of Trustees have taken numerous steps to reform the Building Program in the past six months. In addition to moving to terminate Turner, LACCD has moved to terminate two other major contractors and has appointed an independent panel to review program structure, and the Board has tightened control over the Building Program by strengthening the District Citizens Oversight Committee, directing the preparation of a master budget plan and implementing additional cost controls.

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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About the LACCD Building Program

LACCD's Building Program is a 14-year, \$6 billion program funded mostly by taxpayer-approved bonds, supplemented by additional funding from the state of California. With approximately \$3 billion spent so far, the LACCD's nine colleges are benefiting from brand new and renovated academic buildings, sports facilities, arts complexes, administrative buildings, child development centers, and parking structures. The Building Program has completed hundreds of separate projects, with hundreds more in the planning or construction stages. For more information on the LACCD's construction program and a list of awards the District has received for its environmentally responsible projects, visit www.laccdbuildsgreen.org.

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