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LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND ON NEW STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING AT THE PACIFIC COAST CAMPUS

Building GG Will House an All New Student Services Center

LONG BEACH, California – (July 8, 2014) – Long Beach City College (LBCC) announced the start of construction on a new \$23.4 million, 31,698 square foot, Student Services building at its Pacific Coast Campus (PCC) located at 1305 East Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, 90806. Members of the Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) Board of Trustees, along with college staff and project managers from the Cordoba Corporation and Balfour Beatty Construction firm will be on-site for the groundbreaking ceremony beginning at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 8.

The existing structure will be demolished and replaced with the newly designed Student Services facility housing admissions and records, counseling, financial aid, Extended Opportunity Programs (EOPS), Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS), cashiering and food services.

“Our Measure E Bond program continues the transformation of the Pacific Coast Campus into a state-of-the-art campus to serve our students and this community,” said Eloy Ortiz Oakley, President of Long Beach City College. “This building will bring all student support services together in one place to make it easier for our students to access them and successfully complete their academic goals.”

The passage of Measure E Bonds in 2002 and 2008 has enabled LBCC to continue to improve both its campus locations through the creation of modern facilities with technology enabled classrooms establishing a robust learning environment for students. The 2008 Bond fund totals \$440 million in project-related allocations to retrofit, modernize and rebuilding existing structures. Both the Liberal Arts and Pacific Coast Campuses have undergone major upgrades and improvements with new construction currently underway at both locations.

“Our program is only possible thanks to the strong support we have received from the community in passing two bond measures,” said Jeff Kellogg, Board President, Long Beach Community College District Governing Board. “This board is dedicated to ensuring that each construction project is delivered on time and on budget with the end result being facilities that will serve the needs of LBCC students for generations to come.”

Construction on the new building is scheduled to last at least a year and half, and will feature a new dining area, full service kitchen, multi-purpose room, and barbeque area in the building’s center courtyard. The new Student Service center construction design is LEED Certified having met the standards of the U.S. Green Building Council including innovation in design, indoor environment quality, water efficiency, materials and resources, integrated process and energy and atmosphere impact.

The GG building once housed PCC’s library and cafeteria and served as the campus fitness and student services center for swing-space during various construction projects.

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About Long Beach City College

Long Beach City College is one of the largest single college districts in the California Community College System. LBCC is a comprehensive college which provides quality educational programs and related student services to nearly 30,000 students pursuing a wide range of degrees, certificates, transfer and other courses of study. LBCC is a driving force in the regional economy as lead host of the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network, serving Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties; and, as the Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Businesses Initiative* site serving Southern California. In 2013, LBCC supported small businesses in creating 2,355 new jobs, increasing client sales by more than \$198 million and helping clients access more than \$100 million in new capital. LBCC's economic activity generates over \$2.12 million daily in the region's economy. The College is also in the middle of a \$700 million construction bond program that was approved by local voters.