

## NEWS RELEASE

### **BuildLACCD Program Exceeds Local Labor Engagement Goal Under Contract with AECOM**

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**(April 13, 2016 - Los Angeles, CA)** – BuildLACCD, the Los Angeles Community College District’s construction and facilities improvement program under contract with AECOM today announced that 36% of its 1,715 workers reside within L.A. Community College boundaries and have earned improved wages, benefits, and pensions, based on construction projects awarded since October 2013. Historically, the program’s goal was to employ at least 30% of its workers from surrounding communities by 2016. On August 23, 2015, the LACCD Board of Trustees amended its Project Labor Agreement to increase the program’s local hire participation goals for the future.

The BuildLACCD program, which began in 2001 and is funded by more than \$6 billion in voter-approved bonds, is modernizing and renovating nine colleges that make up the largest community college district in the United States. Projects include new and renovated academic buildings and laboratories, libraries, sports facilities, arts complexes, administrative buildings, child development centers, parking structures, central energy plants and renewable energy projects.

“We are proud that results-to-date demonstrate our outreach, and education efforts are paying off,” said Jim O’Reilly, Chief Facilities Executive for the LACCD. “These numbers validate that local communities benefit directly when small firms take advantage of workforce development programs offered through BuildLACCD, like our small business boot camp and local hire initiative.”

In October 2001, LACCD’s Board of Trustees established the Community Economic Development (CED) program component to maximize local economic benefits generated by its bond program. The CED program uses a comprehensive Local Worker Hiring Program (LWHP) to maximize economic benefits of the program budget, a Local, Small, Emerging, Disabled, and Veteran (LSEDV) Program, as well as a college internship program. Local labor resources are targeted to renovate and build campus facilities.

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One of these beneficiaries, Kevin Ramsey, president of Alameda Construction Services in Compton, California, employs 25 people. Mr. Ramsey's company has been engaged in BuildLACCD project work for four years, and, because his firm participated in small business boot camp, he currently has a contract worth approximately \$1 million. Mr. Ramsey explained, "Going through this program taught us how to get prequalified and opened our eyes to opportunities we might not otherwise have known about or bid on had we not gotten involved. We've also been able to meet new people on different campuses and learn about the work they have."

For more information, visit [www.buildlaccd.org](http://www.buildlaccd.org).

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**About the LACCD Building Program**

*The goal of BuildLACCD is to provide students, faculty, and staff with facilities that support excellence in education and, in turn, prepares them to succeed in the 21st century economy. To date, \$4.73 billion of \$6.26 billion in approved funds has been expended with \$5.13 billion in contracted services. There are \$1.13 billion in funds left to be contracted through 2018. More than 70% of scheduled projects have been completed to date. For more information on the LACCD's construction program and a list of awards that the LACCD has received for its environmentally responsible projects, visit [www.buildlaccd.org](http://www.buildlaccd.org).*

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