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## **MODEL "GREEN" BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN**

Winn Center for Construction & Architecture Groundbreaking

Sacramento, CA- A groundbreaking ceremony for the Winn Center for Architecture and Construction Technology, the newest facility on the Cosumnes River College campus, will take place Monday, November 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the east steps.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Los Rios Community College Chancellor Brice Harris will join CRC President Deborah Travis, along with other local officials for this momentous occasion.

The building will house educational programs in construction and architecture. It will be designed to bring construction and architecture professionals together to work and learn as a team. It will also serve as a gathering place for members of the industry to meet and interact with each other and with students aspiring to join them in the industry. In addition to classroom space, the 24,000 assignable square foot facility will house design studios and laboratories, as well as the photography and pharmacy technology programs.

Architecture firm Lionakis, Inc. is expecting this new CRC facility to be a model in green technology, projected to earn the status of LEED® Platinum certified. It will be one of the few instructional buildings on any California community college that will be LEED® certified.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

"We are very excited to break ground on this iconic building," said CRC President Dr. Deborah Travis. "I believe the students will see this facility as a state-of-the-art learning environment and a living laboratory for our architecture and construction students. The community will also benefit from the Winn Center as a place to come together for some amazing events."

The Winn Center is named for Mike, Tom and Pete Winn, who have donated the largest private gift in the history of both the Los Rios Community College District and Cosumnes River College. Local bond funds and other private donations have helped pay for this building.

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