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Leading Experts on Design-Build Present Full-Day Seminar at Cal Poly May 17

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly is hosting a design-build seminar on water and wastewater projects Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the University Union.

Titled "Discover the Possibilities: Design-Build for Water and Wastewater Projects," the seminar is being presented by Cal Poly's California Center for Construction Education CCCE and the Design-Build Institute of America. A pre-seminar networking reception will be held the evening before at the Edna Valley Winery, Friday, May 16, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The reception is free to seminar participants.

Design-build is the term for an integrated design and construction approach where engineers, architects and contractors work as a collaborative team with agency officials implementing a project from start to finish. Design-build projects have been approximately 6 percent less costly and delivered 33 percent faster than projects delivered under the traditional low-bid approach. This is especially important for California, where public officials are faced with the burden of repairing and upgrading aging systems, complicated by an economic downturn and budget shortfalls.

Designed to educate public officials, and professional practitioners at utility agencies and in private practice, the seminar will feature many of the nation's leading experts in the area of design-build for public projects.

For more information, contact Barbara Jackson at 805-756-1723 or bjackson@calpoly.edu. To register, call 805-756-6381 or visit http://www.construction.calpoly.edu/welcome/welcome_current.html.

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