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Dedication Ceremony for Cal Poly's Construction Innovations Center on Oct. 4

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly will host a dedication ceremony for the $33 million Construction Innovations Center on Saturday, October 4 at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will be followed by an open house, tours of the new facility and groundbreaking for the center's next phase, the new Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Lab.

The centerpiece is a new 30,000 square foot building dedicated to construction management featuring seven dedicated labs, 12 classrooms and lecture halls, faculty offices, and headquarters for the California Center for Construction Education. The project also includes renovations to existing facilities in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

The center will be open for Fall quarter classes starting Sept 22. The three-story building is located on South Perimeter Road, just west of the Graphic Arts building.

Schedule, Saturday, Oct 4:
2:30 p.m. -- Construction Innovations Center Ribbon Cutting & Dedication Ceremony
-Founders Plaza in front of the Construction Innovations Center building

3:00 p.m. -- Groundbreaking for Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Lab
-Construction Innovations Center Courtyard

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. -- Open House and Building Tours

More about the Construction Innovations Center:
Reinforcing Cal Poly's preeminent position in design, construction and engineering education through this century, the center is one of only a handful in the country designed specifically for modern construction management education.

Hands-On, Interdisciplinary Approach
The state-of-the-art facility features seven labs, each dedicated to different sectors of the construction industry, including construction management, residential construction, commercial building, heavy/civil construction, specialty construction, jobsite management and integrated project services. The project-based lab environment emphasizes student-teacher interaction and the learn-by-doing philosophy of the university. The design also facilitates interdisciplinary research and education among all five majors within the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Professional Resource
The complex also houses the California Center for Construction Education providing public and custom in-house continuing education.

Sustainability Issues

Renewable resources were integrated in the construction of the facility. For instance, the use of timber, recently approved for use in commercial and institutional construction, allows Cal Poly to demonstrate a sustainable supply chain from growth in a certified forest, through manufacturing and design, to installation in a finished project.

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