

LAUSD \$20 Billion New School Construction and Modernization Program –

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Proving the skeptics wrong, the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) New School Construction Program has made great strides in delivering on its promise to provide safe and healthy neighborhood schools on a traditional two-semester calendar. In 2001, there were 220 schools on multi-track calendars, and 16,000 students bused out of their neighborhood to attend school. Today, 142 schools are on multi-track calendars, with 39 returning to traditional calendar this year alone, and involuntary busing has been reduced by over 50 percent.

With over 40 major new construction projects valued at \$2.1 billion and 1,035 modernization projects valued at \$483 million up for bid over the next 12 months, the program continues forward to deliver 144 new schools and 20,000 modernization projects by 2012. As the program progresses, it does so by embracing new technology and best practices, creating new business opportunity for construction managers.

Efficiencies such as e-invoices, electronic payments, electronic change orders, and electronic plans for transfer to DSA have been implemented, saving time and money. LAUSD's Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) facilities continue to create business for CHPS/ LEED certified construction managers. Advances in "green" technology are being implemented into new school designs, including photovoltaic capability and new water saving features such as waterless urinals.

LAUSD's construction program is also an opportunity for the Los Angeles region to move forward on a 21st century educational vision where schools operate as centers of community. Facilities are now built with after-school and weekend use of assets such as playfields and auditoriums, thus creating opportunities for partners with resources to come forward and take advantage of school facilities to benefit students and the community.

Creative development is an important aspect of this 21st century vision to make best use of land and resources. LAUSD is pursuing partners who can bring to District-owned property needed community resources that compliment its overall educational vision. Childcare, youth development centers, healthcare facilities and workforce housing are all joint-development possibilities LAUSD is pursuing,



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and as these plans take shape and move forward, there is opportunity for those with public/private venture experience to help make these ambitious plans a reality.

Not only is LAUSD's construction program delivering on its promise to end involuntary busing and year-round schools, but it is creating a broad range of opportunity for everyone from contractors to construction managers to community groups to join in bettering our schools and communities. Together, we are changing the face of Los Angeles.

For more information on LAUSD's building program, please visit: www.laschools.org.



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