



New county operations center topped out

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ROEL Construction topped out the structural steel of the first-phase at the new San Diego County Operations Center (COC) campus on Overland Avenue in Kearny Mesa.

The two four-story office buildings of 150,000 square feet each are being constructed using a brace-frame structural steel core with decorative pre-cast concrete and glass storefront cladding. The frame erection included over 1,300 tons of structural steel, which was made using over 90 percent recycled material.

Future phases of the development will include four additional 150,000-square-foot, four-story office buildings, a 20,000 square-foot conference center and cafeteria and another parking structure.

When completed, the new campus is expected to include 900,000 square feet of office space along with two multi-level parking structures.

The new campus is pursuing USGBC LEED Silver Certification and the first phase is scheduled to complete in fall 2010.

Jeff Redlitz of the Department of General Services is representing the County of San Diego.

Mike McNerney, Rob Reitenour, Brian Knochenhauer, and Lori Ann Stevens are representatives for Lowe Enterprises, the developer.

James Robbins, Janene Christopher and Dan Stewart, of **RJC Architects**, serve as architects, and Ken Richter and Bruce Heimbach of **Project Management Advisors** is the construction manager.

Burkett & Wong, Latitude 33, McParlane & Associates, Michael Wall Engineering, WRT Planning & Design, Kleinfelder, Inc. and **Power Plus** also make up the design team.

ROEL representatives include Mike Berryhill as project director, Tim Book and Gaurav Shah as project managers, Steve Fruitman as assistant project manager, Abe Foglio and Rajesh Badri as engineers, Craig Tyler, Walter Chavez and Ray Huelsman as superintendents, and Anna Turner as coordinator.

Subcontractors include **Whillock Contracting, Rand Engineering, Quality Reinforcing, ROEL Concrete, Clark Pacific, Rossin Steel, Anning Johnson, Pacific Coast Iron, J.P. Witherow Roofing** and **American Sheet Metal**.

Other subs include **McBride Door & Hardware, Sunset Glazing, JBF, Otis Elevator Company, Schmidt Fire Protection, Sherwood Mechanical, Bingham Heating & Air** and **Dynalectric**.