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Cabrillo College to Acknowledge Donors and Supporters at Green Technology Center Construction Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Monday, December 13, 2010, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Watsonville Campus

APTOS, CA—To mark the start of construction and to recognize key supporters of the new Green Technology Center at its Watsonville campus, Cabrillo College announces a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held on Monday, December 13, 2010 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Green Technology Center construction site, which is located next to the Cabrillo College Watsonville Center at 318 Union Street (adjacent to the parking lot).

The event will include presentations from Cabrillo College President and Superintendent, Dr. Brian King and Cabrillo College Trustee Rebecca Garcia, as well as from Dianne Church, regional representative of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), State Assemblymember Luis Alejo, County Supervisor Tony Campos, Watsonville Mayor David Dodge, and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Chairperson Ron Slack.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for students and adults alike to continue with their education and advance in technology careers," said Santa Cruz County Supervisor Tony Campos. "Up until now, Watsonville could not offer this type of education. This will open doors for hundreds of students in our community as well as the neighboring communities. The partnership with Cabrillo College was a great fit and it could not be possible without them. Thanks also to the advocacy and support of Dianne Church of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), we will have a state-of-the-art facility right in our community," continued Supervisor Campos.

Cabrillo College received funding for the project from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making it possible to construct its Green Technology Center to the LEED Platinum Certification standard, the highest environmental standard for construction.
Cabrillo College officially began construction on its Green Technology Center on November 11, 2010 and upon completion in spring of 2012, the 14,000 square foot facility will be the first building to seek the LEED Platinum Certification in Santa Cruz County.

“This event is an opportunity to recognize the individuals and organizations at the federal, state and local levels, that made our leading-edge, Green Technology Center possible,” said Dr. Brian King, Cabrillo College president and superintendent. “This facility will be a regional resource to prepare students for jobs related to energy conservation and sustainable design, practices, and technologies in the construction and energy management fields.”

Acquisition of the Green Technology Center site and construction is funded by several sources including bond funds approved by Santa Cruz County voters, a $3.35M grant from the EDA, and generous support from the Les and Jeane Ley Family Fund. Construction will be completed by spring of 2012. Major support from Dick and Mary Solari established the Solari Green Technology Center Endowment to enhance the operations of the Center.

The Cabrillo Green Technology Center will house Cabrillo's Construction and Energy Management program, which focuses on sustainable construction and building performance practices. The buildings have been designed to be adaptable to a variety of industrial technology oriented programs, enabling the college to offer training that is responsive to the needs of local and regional employers. Classes will commence in the Green Technology Center spring semester 2012.

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