

Aviation Center remodel under way

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San Diego Miramar College has broken ground for modernization of the historic Aviation Center on its campus. Redesign and modernization is on track to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). The project is the latest San Diego Community College District project funded by Propositions S and N.

The original facility, built in 1971, will undergo a \$10.2 million retrofit of existing classrooms and lab spaces, and include new classrooms for a total of 15,300 square feet.

The project is one of 10 LEED-certified projects built or planned at Miramar and among 30 across the District. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2012.

In the fall of 1971, San Diego Miramar College expanded its mission from exclusively providing public safety training to serving the aviation industry.

Miramar College's aviation maintenance technology program – approved by the FAA – would become the primary supplier of trained technicians for the next 15 years for San Diego-based **Pacific Southwest Airlines**.

In 1991, the aviation ground school and operations program moved from San Diego Mesa College to San Diego Miramar College, enabling Miramar to serve the entire aviation industry.

The project architect is Joseph Wong Design Associates and the construction manager is Legacy Building Services. Engineering services were provided by **TMAD Taylor & Gaines** for structural, **The Engineering Partners** for electrical, and **DEC Engineers** for mechanical/plumbing.

The Propositions S & N program Manager is **Gafcon Inc.**, with campus project manager James Bray.