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## **The 2007 CCFC Professional Design Awards**

**Projects in Design Phase - AWARD OF MERIT**

**Skills Center, Continuing Education,  
San Diego Community College District  
NTD Architecture**



The San Diego Community College Educational Cultural Complex expansion, known as the Skills Center, is a new construction project of three one-story buildings, three auto repair canopies and adjacent site work. The total project square footage is 67,016. The building includes a combination of office, classroom and work space for the following uses: Auto Body, Automotive Technology Repair, Auto Upholstery, Electronic Assembly, Cisco, Business Information Technology, Graphics and Appliance Repair. There will be new modifications to the existing parking lot and connecting landscape/hardscape.

The project was designed to be a contextual extension of the ECC structure, using existing form language while striving to make the building as inviting as possible. The design solution seeks to be respectful to the adjacent housing neighborhood as well as amplify the current park-like feel of the existing structure and site.

The Skills Center is designed with a high priority placed on sustainability, and is on track for LEED gold certification. Bicycle storage and shower/changing rooms are provided to students as an alternative means of transportation to driving. To conserve water, dual-flush water closets, waterless urinals and water efficient landscaping are to be used. To provide an alternative source of energy, photovoltaic panels will be installed on the canopy roofs in the automotive building courtyard. To help divert waste from local landfills, recycling areas will be provided in three locations on the site. In addition, materials will be used that contain pre and post consumer recycled content. To maintain a comfortable level of air quality in the building, high levels of passive and mechanical ventilation will be employed. Also, materials will be chosen based upon having low levels of Volatile Organic Content, including carpet, paint, wood, adhesives and sealants. For occupant comfort, daylight will be provided in 75% of spaces and 90% of spaces will have views to the outside. To further educate the building occupants, a sustainability education signage program will be implemented.

The Skills Center is a functionally necessary, contextually sensitive, and sustainability responsible addition to its San Diego neighborhood. Through its careful planning and placement, this addition to the Educational Cultural Complex will be a valued asset to the college by producing an increased interest in their Automotive Technology, Electronics, Graphics and Business Technology programs.

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Learn more about the ECC Skills Center project at:

<http://www.sdccdprops-n.com/Continuing-Education/Projects/1411.aspx>