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RIO HONDO COLLEGE TRUSTEES SELECT ARCHITECT FOR ACCESS PROJECT

*Whittier-*At their August 18, 2006 meeting, the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees selected the firm of Gonzales Goodale Architects to build the new stairways and ramps leading from the Terrace Parking Lots to the Campus Core. The Board authorized the District to begin contract negotiations so that the first phase of this project, creating the Schematic Design, can begin this month.

“This is an important and exciting time at the College,” said Angela Acosta-Salazar, President of the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees. “The campaign, ‘*Building Access and Excellence*’ is underway and the Board is pleased to be moving forward with the important work that lies ahead.”

The goal of the *Building Access and Excellence* campaign is to improve access to a high quality Rio Hondo College education. The campaign has several Priority One Projects that contribute to the overall renovation and renewal of the Rio Hondo College campus, are slated to be completed by the year 2012.

“As the Campaign unfolds the College will head into a very ambitious timeline of projects,” said Dr. Rose Marie Joyce, President of Rio Hondo College. “By the end of this year we will have seven projects in some phase of the process.”

Each of the building projects takes anywhere from 12 to 18 months to design and have those designs approved. Additional time may be required when seeking the final approval from the Department of the State Architect. Keeping that in mind the construction phase of the stairways and ramps project will begin in May 2007.

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