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Division of Workers' Compensation new San Luis Obispo district office earns green building honors

Grand opening to coincide with Earth Day

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC), Walter Bros. Construction and Rabobank are celebrating the grand opening of the new DWC San Luis Obispo district office—the first new office building in San Luis Obispo and the first building for the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification as a green building. The ribbon cutting ceremony, which coincides with “Earth Day,” officially establishes the new office as a DWC service center.

“We believe in Gov. Schwarzenegger’s green building action plan,” said DIR Director John Duncan. “This new building demonstrates leadership in reducing the state’s carbon footprint.”

As the lease was expiring on the previous Grover Beach location, DWC staff found the Walter Bros. building project at its beginning stage. Following Gov. Schwarzenegger’s call for California to lead by example on energy efficiency and conservation and green building practices, DWC worked hand in hand with the Department of General Services, Walter Bros. Construction, and a LEED consultant to meet the challenge. The partnership’s initial goal was to achieve LEED silver certification for the building. They accomplished “gold.”

“To achieve gold certification, the project team aggressively pursued energy and water savings beyond the standards required for buildings in California,” said Carrie Nevans, acting DWC administrative director. “They designed the building to take advantage of the winds, which circulate fresh air in the building; to control temperature with solar panels and darkening film on windows; and to harvest rainwater for landscaping. On top of all that, the division saved money by recycling modular furniture for the workspaces.”

The ribbon cutting is taking place this morning:

Date: Thursday, April 22

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: 4740 Allene Way, Ste. 100
San Luis Obispo, CA

For information on the governor’s Green Building Initiative, follow this link: [Executive Order S-20-04](#).

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