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Reno Contracting sustains green path

The movement to incorporate sustainable materials and green building practices into new construction projects continues to grow, and Reno Contracting, one of Southern California's premier building contractors, stands at the head of the push to "go green." The company is an active member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustainable building design and construction. The USGBC goal is to change current building practices, and it offers certification to those who incorporate green materials and processes into their projects.

San Diego's Reno Contracting currently has four major projects nearing completion, and all are in line for USGBC's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. A fifth project, for Arena Pharmaceuticals (Nasdaq: ARNA), is in the planning stages to obtain a LEED new construction certification.

The green momentum is changing building and it's not a fad. City, county and state governments are beginning to mandate the use of sustainable materials and green construction practices in building projects. The public at large has begun to realize our environ-

ment is a fragile entity, and what was once thought of as "business as usual" has given way to a new paradigm: We can build responsibly by using materials that come from sustainable sources, while reducing certain costs. For instance, builders can recycle surplus building waste rather than simply truck it to a landfill.

Reno Contracting was established in 1993 and is now the fifth-largest general contractor in San Diego County, with a growing presence in the Inland Empire. Reno's award-winning commercial office, biotech, health care, industrial, retail and tenant improvement projects shape the San Diego community, and the company feels responsible for protecting the environment.

Ranked among the top 50 green contractors nationwide, with seven LEED-Accredited Professionals on staff who work to meet the USGBC's LEED requirements on their projects, Reno's team is at the forefront of Southern California's green initiatives. The emphasis on environmental responsibility at Reno and other firms has brought welcome attention by developers, investors, architects and designers who have signed on to incorporate the green ethic in their plans.

This movement in construc-

tion offers more than environmental rewards: Project owners see investment returns on a green building within five to seven years, and long-term energy savings offer more value to occupants of a LEED-certified building.

At Reno, planning for additional green projects has doubled in the past year, with more certified buildings coming into the marketplace.

"Nowadays, developers are coming to the table with the desire to build a green building, and we're seeing more green projects coming to Reno," said Reno Project Manager Eric Gradyan, a LEED-accredited professional. "We found that all our pre-planning to incorporate LEED-certification into projects not only helps with the sustainable nature of the structure, but also encourages builders, designers, consultants and owners to think about new construction in the initial stages. It's a huge benefit for all sustainable projects — having everyone involved working toward green construction at the beginning."

Reno Contracting continues to explore new materials and construction techniques that have less impact on our environment, as it moves forward as a leading advocate for green construction.

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Reno Contracting builds value for the biotech and health care industries

San Diego County is home to a diverse and growing number of health care and biotech companies. Many of these highly specialized firms have chosen San Diego-based **Reno Contracting** to build their complex and sizeable headquarters and research facilities. And there are strong reasons for that choice: Reno Contracting has a team of experienced professionals with the expertise to successfully build value into every project.

Although Reno has been building biotech and health care facilities since its inception in 1993, its **Biosite Inc.** (Nasdaq: BSTE) headquarters project in 2005 established the general contractor as a leader in these industries. The Biosite project — a four-building, 350,000-square-foot biotech campus research, office space and FDA-validated manufacturing and lab space — garnered a 2007 Tilt-Up Building Award from the American Concrete Institute, as well as a 2005 Award of Honor from the Associated Builders and Contractors' San Diego Chapter. Reno has succeeded by providing precise preconstruction, exact estimating, proficient scheduling and by keeping the project on time and on budget.

Reno continues to set the standard in the biotech and health care industries by

being the preferred builder for some of San Diego's largest companies. Reno is currently constructing the corporate headquarters facility for **ResMed Inc.**, a developer and manufacturer of products for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep-disordered breathing. The initial phase, which is a 500,000-square-foot, six-story building, including a parking structure, is designed to accommodate the company's long-term growth. Another project underway is the six-story, 135,000-square-foot Scripps Healthcare tenant improvement project in Ranch Bernardo, scheduled for completion in August 2008. This high-tech facility will contain a digital imaging center and outpatient care facilities.

Reno began construction in November 2007 on a new five-story, 75,000-square-foot shell and warm core for **Arena Pharmaceuticals** (Nasdaq: ARNA), a San Diego biopharmaceutical company, with work including a central plant for the HVAC systems, and all the site and landscape work associated with the construction. Reno is also in the construction phase of the BioMed Realty complex: a four-story facility with 85,000 square feet of lab and office space with a 65,000-square-foot parking area. Both the Arena Pharmaceuticals building and

the BioMed structures are in line for LEED certification through sustainable green construction and material use by the Reno Contracting team.

Reno will add these projects to their impressive resume in the biotech and health care fields. Some of the company's completed projects include the **Micromet Inc.** (Nasdaq: MITI) headquarters in Carlsbad, the **Verenium** (Nasdaq: VRNM) corporate headquarters in San Diego, as well as the state-of-the-art facilities for **Invitrogen** (Nasdaq: IVGN), **New Biotics** and **Pyxis**. Reno's tenant improvements at Veralliance at Carroll Road created new lab and office space for two separate biotech companies: **Bioverdant** and **Pharmatek**. Reno Contracting built value, not only for the owners and tenants, but also for the companies' consumers, since they were brought in on time and on budget, allowing the tenants to occupy the space for their important medical contributions to society.

As Southern California's premier general contractor, Reno Contracting puts value into everything it does — not just in biotech and health care, but commitment to building that positively impacts the client and community for generations to come. That's building the Reno way.

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