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## **Airport Authority partners with Turner Construction Company to offer construction management training**

*30 students graduate from program that benefits small business owners*

SAN DIEGO – July 11, 2008 – On Saturday, July 12, 30 students will graduate from the 2008 Turner School of Construction Management. The Airport Authority is a partner in the program as well as other public agencies and firms in the construction industry. The graduation ceremony will be held at San Diego International Airport (SDIA) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the SDIA Commuter Terminal, Board Room, 3225 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

“The Airport Authority is proud to partner with Turner Construction to make this program available for the second year in a row. We are committed to making airport projects more accessible to the small business community and to providing the tools to ensure the success of participants,” said Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO of the Airport Authority. “Our relationship with Turner is a tangible demonstration of that commitment.”

Turner's Construction Management Training Program for Small Business Enterprise (SBE) contractors is a 14-course, seven-week training session. This year's courses at the airport began on April 24, 2008, and cover all aspects of the construction process. Courses include Project Delivery Methods, Marketing & Sales, Estimating, Scheduling Concepts and Software, Field Engineering/ Operations and others. The staff from the Airport Authority, Turner and other participating agencies teach classes. Participants are presented a certificate of completion and honored at the graduation ceremony. The training program is limited to 40 construction companies per year and is provided at no cost.

The Airport Authority, along with San Diego County Water Authority, the Unified Port of San Diego, and Centre City Development Corporation consider sponsorship as part of a social responsibility to the San Diego business community. Through contracting opportunities and educational programs San Diego's small contractors are able to strengthen and expand their businesses.

Since 1969, Turner Construction has offered construction management training programs, benefiting thousands of small business owners across the United States. There are over 20,000 graduates of this program around the nation.

*The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport – funded through user fees and not local taxes – served some 18.3 million passengers in 2008.*

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