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**AVTA to Award Construction Contract to Local Firm**

Lancaster, CA – The Antelope Valley Transit Authority’s board of directors awarded a \$6.9 million contract to Lancaster-based Webb Brothers Construction at its Tuesday, July 26 meeting. Founded in 1988, the firm’s cornerstone projects include Palmdale City Hall and the Los Angeles County Waterworks on Avenue K-6.

Webb was one of five firms to submit sealed bids for a broad range of enhancements to AVTA’s administration and fleet maintenance facility. The project includes increasing the number of maintenance bays in the bus garage, pouring of a pad for the future construction of a combined paint/body repair center, enclosure of the driver locker area, installation of sola tubes allowing natural lighting within the administration offices, renovating existing employee break rooms, a new board room which will accommodate community functions, and redesign of the current AVTA board room so as to increase the number of available conference rooms.

The entire project is energy efficient and contains elements of sustainable design, including an under-floor air distribution system to improve air quality and reduce energy costs. Other “green” features include low-flow water fixtures as well as another solar shade structure in the bus yard, the addition of which will bring the facility to 100 percent energy self sufficiency

“This project is the first step in the phased expansion of AVTA’s combined administration and maintenance facility, which was completed in 2004,” noted AVTA Board Chair Norm Hickling. “Not only will the resulting facility support AVTA’s combined operation, it will support the agency’s goal of reducing its carbon footprint. Plus, there will be a new meeting room available for community use.”

Construction is forecast to be completed in the Winter of 2012.

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