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**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE FOR NEW SMITH
CONSULTING ARCHITECTS-DESIGNED ABRAMS WESTVIEW PLAZA**

SAN DIEGO – (April 13, 2009) – Construction is complete for the new Smith Consulting Architects-designed 96,481-square-foot office building located on the east side of Interstate 15 in the Scripps Ranch area of San Diego, Calif.

Clem Abrams is the owner and developer of the project, named Abrams Westview Plaza.

The three-story, class 'A', multi-tenant office building utilizes tilt-up concrete wall panels and features limestone tile accents and high performance glazing. A pre-finished, overhead glass canopy supported by cantilevered steel framing highlights and frames the entry to the building.

The six-acre site, with 46 feet of grade change from front to rear, challenged the creativity of the Smith Consulting Architects team. To address the elevation difference, the architects tucked a two-level, 69,000-square-foot parking structure into the slopes. The new parking facility achieves 4/1000 parking requirements, and incorporates easily accessible, grade-level parking at the upper deck.

While the parking structure is partially buried, the office building prominently overlooks the freeway for maximum exposure and enhanced views.

Peter Bussett, LEED AP served as vice president-in-charge for Smith Consulting Architects, with Gary Baker, LEED AP as designer, Jon Ohlson as project architect, and Jason Shum as job captain. Tom Nicholas and Pat Rohan of Cushman & Wakefield are the leasing agents for the building. Bycor Construction served as the general contractor.

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Prime Structural Engineers was the structural engineer; Schwerin & Associates, civil engineer; Michael Wall Engineering, electrical engineer; McParlane & Associates, mechanical engineer; and Geocon Consultants was the geotechnical engineer. Ahles Landscape Architecture was the landscape architect for the project.

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