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**CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON CAPITOL EAST END COMPLEX IN SACRAMENTO:
LARGEST, "GREENEST" STATE OFFICE PROJECT IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY**

Sacramento—State and city officials today formally broke ground on the Capitol East End Complex, the largest civic building project in the history of California. The \$392 million, 1.5 million square foot complex will feature significant environmental and energy efficiency measures, and will result in estimated savings of \$220 million to the State through the consolidation of 6,300 employees who are currently housed in 19 separate locations around Sacramento.

"The Capitol East End Complex sets a new high standard for state building projects," said Aileen Adams, Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency. "It saves the taxpayers \$220 million over the next 30 years, and it is extremely sensitive to the environment with features that ensure energy efficiency, improved indoor air quality, and reduced waste."

Some of the "environment-friendly" features of the five-building project located just east of Capitol Park include:

- * - Photo-voltaic panels to provide electricity from the sun to power recharging stations for electric vehicles, and to supplement office energy needs;
- * - Buildings designed to be at least 30 percent more energy efficient than required by state code resulting in savings of approximately \$400 thousand a year in energy costs;
- * - Use of asphalt, concrete, steel, carpeting, glass, drywall, and other building materials derived from recycled sources including the historic marble flooring removed from the seismically renovated Jesse Unruh and State Library Buildings.

"Other State agencies—the Integrated Waste Management Board, the Energy Commission, the Air Resources Board, and the Department of Health Services—joined General Services to form the Sustainable Building Task Force," Adams said. "This unique partnership ensured that these environmentally-sensitive features would play a significant role in the project."

"We are committed to bringing the project in on time and on budget as well as being respectful of the Capitol Park neighborhood," said Department of General Services (DGS) Interim Director Cliff Allenby. "It's been a long process made possible by the cooperation and support of the Legislature, City Hall and the community."

The Capitol East End Complex is made up of three parts including construction of an office complex for the Department of Education bounded by 14th, 15th, N and O streets; construction of an office complex for the Departments of General Services and Health Services bounded by 15th, 17th, L and N streets; and a 750-space parking structure located at P Street between 13th and 14th Streets,

completed in February 2000.

In 1999 DGS selected the design-build teams of Hensel Phelps Construction Company, and Clark/Gruen Design Building Inc., to complete the architectural design and construct the complex. The project is scheduled for completion in early 2003