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Meet the Design-Build Team: HGW Architecture and DPR Construction

Leading the West City Expansion Project at San Diego College of Continuing Education

What excites your team most about being selected for this project?

The DPR/HGW design-build team is inspired by the San Diego College of Continuing Education’s mission to provide accessible, equitable, and innovative education that supports lifelong learning and pathways to the regional workforce. We are excited to help bring that mission to life through a West City campus that will meaningfully serve students, families, and the community.

At the center of our approach is a shared commitment to partnerships and social responsibility. Whether it’s DPR mentoring the next generation of tradespeople, HGW leading stakeholder-driven design workshops, or SDCCD advancing educational equity through its facilities, each group is committed to more than just delivering projects. Together, we are helping build a stronger and more inclusive future for San Diego.

For HGW, this work carries special meaning as it takes place in our own Point Loma backyard. We take pride in creating a campus that will enrich the community for years to come.

How will you work with the district and campus community to bring this project to life?

Our team has already begun collaborating closely with campus leadership and faculty through hands-on meetings. Together, we are shaping a program that responds to West City’s academic and community needs.

Our approach focuses on listening before we build. This helps ensure improvements reflect daily user priorities and support both program and campus functionality. A major focus includes strengthening campus connectivity through enhanced circulation and site edges that reflect the purpose and energy of West City. We listen, inform, and refine based on feedback.

What experience does your team bring that will help deliver a successful outcome?

DPR and HGW bring a long history of successful collaboration built on trust, transparency, and a shared commitment to delivering exceptional outcomes. We focus on understanding user needs and creating environments that support learning.

Our team has extensive experience delivering projects on occupied campuses, including program planning, stakeholder engagement, schedule and cost management, construction logistics, minimizing disruption to active learning environments, and community outreach. We anticipate challenges early, communicate clearly, and keep every decision aligned with District goals, budget, and timeline. Top of FormBottom of Form

How do you plan to incorporate sustainability, accessibility, or other district priorities into the design and construction?

The DPR/HGW team uses an integrated, data-driven process to evaluate sustainability, accessibility, and District priorities at every stage. Together with SDCCD leadership, we assess opportunities and constraints to ensure alignment with District and regulatory standards. Sustainability will be integrated into the process at each phase of development to take the best advantage of site opportunities while respecting important constraints and limitations. DPR will also employ a 6-step strategy to engage small and underutilized local subcontractors and will hold safety as a top priority.

What impact do you hope this project will have for students, faculty, and the wider community?

We hope this project becomes a catalyst for opportunity and long-term community enrichment. For students, our goal is to inspire learning, support skill development, and expand access to meaningful careers. For faculty and staff, we aim to enhance teaching and collaboration through a functional, well-integrated campus. And for the community, we envision a vibrant resource where residents can connect, grow, and thrive. We hope the expanded West City Campus becomes a lasting, positive influence on the people it serves.





