This week, the South Orange County Community College District will receive the distinct honor of Outstanding Project of the Year for the Irvine Valley College (IVC) IDEA Building at ATEP by the Southern California Chapter of Construction Management Association of America (CMAA). Nominated by Balfour Beatty—SOCCCD more specifically, will receive the 2019 Project Achievement Award in the Higher Education category for projects with a construction value less than $20 million.

“The IDEA Building at ATEP is home to IVC’s School of Integrated Design, Engineering and Automation (IDEA). As a college, we are particularly proud that the design of the building serves as a catalyst for our career education programs and also is a center of activity for the UCI–IVC Engineering Academy. Our three classrooms and six specialized teaching labs include an alternative energy lab, (indoor and outdoor), an optics/photonics lab, an electronics lab, an automation/digital manufacturing lab and an additive and subtractive Design Model Prototyping lab. At IDEA, IVC offers innovative programing and services through its classrooms, outdoor learning areas, collaboration spaces, technology/infrastructure and faculty spaces. In addition, the unique large central lobby also serves as a hub and meeting space for faculty, students and the community,” said Glenn R. Roquemore, President, Irvine Valley College.

Ann-Marie Gabel, Vice Chancellor of Business Services for SOCCCD said, “The College and District teams strive to design and develop buildings that benefit all students. Our hope is that a building’s design, architecture, and functionality, help to inspire students to achieve their goals in an inclusive environment.” Ann-Marie continued, “When our buildings receive recognition from our peers in the industry, it’s a welcomed reminder that we have the opportunity to create something every day. Through creative design, we possess the unique ability to not only have a lasting impact on our campus and environment, but to reflect who we are to students and to the community.”

The CMMA award winners, serve as annual examples to promote professionalism and excellence in the management of the construction process. The award will be presented during the CMAA Gala on May 15 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. The event begins at 5:30pm.

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About the South Orange County Community College District: SOCCCD serves more than 50,000 students per year through our two colleges, Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College. The district serves nearly one million residents and employs more than 3,000 faculty and staff.