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1. Columbus State Community College Center for Workforce Development opens for business

Columbus State Community College recently opened the Center for Workforce Development, the largest academic center built to date at Columbus State. The center provides approximately 141,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory and office space for the college's Community Education and Workforce Development Division. Also included is a 400-seat ballroom, student lounge area and a separate Child Development Center which is open to students, faculty and staff of the college as well as community residents and downtown workers.

The State Architect's Office managed the design and construction of the project with Keith E. Wagenknecht, AIA, as the deputy state architect; Ned Thiell, RA, as the project manager; and Kathy Stewart as the project coordinator. Representatives from the facilities planning department at Columbus State Community College included Interim Director Paul Goggin and Supervisor Glenn Smith.

Governor Bob Taft, Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman and top officials from Columbus State Community College opened the new center on July 20. Dr. Valeriana Moeller, president of the college, began her commentary at the ribbon cutting ceremony by saying: "When touring this wonderful new facility, I want you to remember just five words: 'on time and under budget.'"

For more details about the project, go to <http://www.das.ohio.gov/gsd/sao/Projects/CSCCAcademicD.htm>.

2. Ohio Dept. of Mental Health opens patient recovery facility

The largest free-standing psychiatric facility in Ohio, Summit Behavioral Healthcare, recently opened a 314,000-square-foot patient recovery facility in Cincinnati. The state-of-the-art facility includes patient units, gymnasium, cafeteria and clinical care areas. The project team designed the facility using a "recovery mall" model to provide ample space for services that enhance recovery as well as patient living areas that afford dignity, privacy and safety. This concept enables greater mobility for patients and allows easy access to treatment, activities and peer support. The design also incorporates effective use of daylighting.

Keith E. Wagenknecht, Robert Simkins and Kathy Stewart of the State Architect's Office managed the design and construction of the facility. The Ohio Dept. of Mental Health Office of Capital Planning representatives were Hamid Mehrizi and Robin Cox.

Summit Behavioral Healthcare is one of five Behavioral Healthcare Organizations operated by the Ohio Dept. of Mental Health. Photos and more information about the project can be accessed via the SAO Web site at <http://www.das.ohio.gov/gsd/sao/Projects/ODMHSummit.htm>.

3. Upcoming changes to the Front End

SAO is completing the next edition of the State of Ohio "Standard Conditions of Contract for Construction" (commonly referred to as the Front End). The new document is scheduled for release before the end of the year.

SAO will host an informative seminar late this year to facilitate implementation of the revisions. More information about the seminar will be announced in future issues of SAO eNews. For questions, please contact Angie Carder at 614.752.0448.

4. Two projects cancelled

The Ohio School for the Deaf has cancelled the central warehouse and equipment project, which was advertised in the March 2005 issue of the Ohio Register (project number 221-2005-039). In addition, the Ohio State School for the Blind has cancelled the classroom addition and renovation project, which was advertised in the May 2005 issue of the Ohio Register (project number 226-2005-058).

5. Link to the August Ohio Register

The August 2006 issue of the Ohio Register was posted to the SAO Web site on Aug. 1. It can be viewed and printed at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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