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## **MTA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH PACO GROUP TO EXCLUSIVELY MARKET THE AUTHORITY'S CHANGE CONTROL SYSTEM**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has entered into an exclusive agreement with the PACO Group based in Miami, to market the Authority's Change Control System (CCS).

The agreement allows the PACO Group the right to market the computer program and, in exchange, MTA will receive a minimum of \$50,000 for the first two years and \$25,000 per year thereafter for the life of the agreement.

MTA developed a Change and Document Control System in 1991 after a market survey determined that no commercial system existed that satisfied agency and federal requirements. A system was needed to track the many contracts during the construction of MTA's Metro Red, Blue and Green Line rail projects. CCS greatly improves a project's ability to record and track dates, text, cost, actions, and justification for contract changes, claims, and design modifications.

In addition, the system logs and tracks all documents, drawings and data submittals. CCS is a Windows based program and has saved the MTA more than \$10 million in direct agency and consultant costs over the past nine years.

Shown signing the marketing agreement recently at MTA headquarters in Los Angeles are (left to right) Frank Otero, President and CEO of PACO Group, Dennis Partridge, MTA Change Control Manager, and Jeff Christiansen, MTA Deputy Executive Officer for Construction.

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As a result of an aggressive marketing effort, the system has been purchased and implemented on construction projects in New York, Massachusetts and Puerto Rico. For information on the CCS program, call the PACO Group at (305) 666-3456.

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