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Award Marks Metro's Improved Relations with Contractors

(Oct. 12, 2004) A California contractors' organization has honored Metro and CEO Roger Snoble for significantly improving relations with that industry over the past three years.

Snoble recently accepted a plaque on behalf of the agency from the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC).

The award honors the CEO and the Metro staff for overcoming budget shortfalls to proceed with "needed capital and operations programs" such as the Metro Gold Line's Eastside Extension and other improvements to the Metro System.

Noting that Metro and the regional contracting industry had often been at odds over the years, Snoble said, "We had to do a lot of work to patch up those relationships and get them to understand that we are willing to work with them to make our relationship more of a partnership than adversarial."

The CELSOC award, he said, "is recognition of the hard work we've done..." to open up the agency's bidding process and make it more fair and easier for prospective bidders to understand and respond to.

As a result, Snoble said, more contractors are now willing to bid on Metro construction projects.

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CEO Roger Snoble reads a plaque recently presented to Metro to mark improving relations with the state's contracting community.