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COLLEGE OF MARIN ADDING FINANCIAL CONTROLS FOR BOND SPENDING *ViaNovus Software to Provide Increased Oversight*

KENTFIELD, Calif., Oct. 26, 2005—College of Marin is adding new financial oversight and controls to manage its \$249.5 million facilities modernization program.

To support the oversight effort, the College is implementing the PARAGON Program Management System™ from construction program management software vendor ViaNovus. PARAGON will provide an integrated view of budgets, schedules and documents across all Measure C projects, and enable regular reporting to College Trustees and the public. ViaNovus is providing software, services and training to the College's staff.

“We must effectively manage the Measure C bond money that Marin taxpayers have entrusted to us,” said Eva Long, President of the College's Board of Trustees. “ViaNovus' software provides the infrastructure we need to track and monitor the many complex projects now beginning so that we remain accountable.”

PARAGON offers visibility into every issue, trend, and communication that affects cost and schedules, from the individual bid or work item up through the project and program level. The Web-based system integrates all facets of program management into a single unified system. PARAGON provides high-level visibility into the total facilities modernization program, as well as into specific projects. Users can see how each project affects the program at large. Additionally, users can drill down to the record level of any cost and its corresponding program documents. PARAGON establishes an information trail of requests and approvals for budget changes, scope modifications, and fund transfers.

“PARAGON will give College of Marin instant access to the critical program data needed for informed decision-making,” said Michael Ciocia, president of ViaNovus. “The College will be able to minimize risk and avoid project delays and cost overruns by making decisions based on accurate, up-to-date information.”

About ViaNovus

ViaNovus, a minority owned company in Alameda, California, is the leading provider of “owner-focused” construction program management software and services. PARAGON Program Management System is used in the management of over \$85 billion in construction projects in the U.S. Clients include Contra Costa Community College District, East Side Union High School District, and the Bay Area Toll Authority. ViaNovus can be found on the Web at www.vianovus.com.