

FIRESTONE EDUCATIONAL CENTER OF EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE MASTER PLAN

Location: South Gate, California
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Construction Budget: N/A
Dates of Service: 2010
Size of Project: 18.5 Acres



Firestone Educational Center is planned as a satellite campus of East Los Angeles College, ultimately to accommodate 12,000 students. The site comprises 18.5 acres, including more than 800,000 SF of existing manufacturing and warehouse buildings to be adaptively reused. The enormous scale of the buildings means that much of the “campus” will actually be indoors under vast, sky-lit roofs.

The Master Plan thoroughly analyzes and addresses the complex issues of the site, including preservation of historical architectural features, structural reinforcement of existing industrial buildings, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, new site access points, phasing, and a sustainable development strategy for the site and the buildings, with an anticipated minimum LEED Gold certification.

The first phase of the project includes a new, purpose-built building of 134,000 SF and a new 2,000-car capacity parking structure centered on a new campus quad; the second phase consists of expansion through building renovation to add facilities serving the ultimate student population. Within the 260,000-SF Building 1, new internal “streets and courtyards” defined by classrooms and technology labs will create a village-like environment under one roof, with new openings in the roof bringing a sense of outdoor space indoors. Supporting facilities include an auditorium, gymnasium, multipurpose space, and community center.

