

## **Dedication of two large-scale structural testing laboratories to the Charles Lee Powell Structural Research Laboratories Mar. 15**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**EVENT:** Dedication of two large-scale structural testing laboratories as additions to the Charles Lee Powell Structural Research Laboratories.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, March 15, 4-6 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Terrace adjacent to the Powell Structural Research Labs, University of California, San Diego. (See attached map.)

**PROGRAM:** Participants will include UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson; UCSD School of Engineering Dean Robert W. Conn, and Powell Laboratories Directors Gilbert A. Hegemier and Frieder Seible.

**PHOTO OP:** A large crane within the new labs will be utilized to swing a champagne bottle against a wall for the traditional dedication smash.

**BACKGROUND:** The two new facilities--the Structural Components Laboratory and the Composite Structures Laboratory-- join the existing Structures Systems Laboratory to form one of the world's largest structural testing units. Work in the labs will include new design methods for building earthquake-resistant bridges as well as techniques for retrofitting and rehabilitating older bridges and buildings.

Total construction cost of the new laboratories was approximately \$2.6 million; all three laboratories represent a capital investment of more than \$10 million.

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**PARKING:** Please see attached map for directions; parking spaces for media will be marked.

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