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## GOVERNMENT CENTER DEVELOPMENT ACCELERATED BY INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—August 20, 2001— Engineering services by Lowney Associates during foundation design of the new Foster City Government Center moved the project toward an earlier completion.

### **How did Lowney accomplish this?**

Lowney was retained for geotechnical and environmental services for the new government center and currently is providing construction observation services. During pile installation, dynamic monitoring data revealed that pile capacities were actually greater than originally estimated. Thus, Lowney recommended reducing pile lengths by up to 9 feet, which reduced total pile length by approximately 2,000 feet. Foundation costs were reduced by approximately \$50,000, and construction schedule by several days.

### **What is planned for the new government center?**

A new City Hall, City council chambers, fire station, and police station are planned. The combined City Hall and fire station will be an approximately 46,000 square-foot, three-story building. Two single-story additions will be constructed at the existing police station. The rest of the site will consist of approximately 250,000 square feet of new pavement, hardscape, and landscaping.

Phase II will include demolition of the existing City Hall and construction of a new 5,600 square foot, one-story, steel-frame City council chambers. The site work will include 6,000 square feet of building pad and 50,000 square feet of property improvements.

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