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**LOWNEY ASSOCIATES RETAINED BY CIM GROUP FOR
THREE DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE REDEVELOPMENTS**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—February 20, 2003— **Lowney Associates**, a **TRC Company**, was retained to provide geotechnical engineering and environmental services for three downtown San Jose mixed-use developments. The **CIM Group, Inc.**, in conjunction with the **San Jose Redevelopment Agency**, will develop three San Jose sites at a total estimated cost of over \$200 million.

The project encompasses approximately 117,250 square feet of retail space, 459 residential units, and 700 parking spaces, including a 17-story tower just North of the San Jose Repertory Theater.

Lowney Associates recently completed the field exploration and laboratory analysis for all but three projects. Lowney currently is working closely with the CIM Group and the project structural engineer, **Biggs Cardosa Associates**, to develop the cost-effective foundation design alternatives.

CIM Group also is completing the renovation project for San Jose's historic Twohy building with 36 residential lofts, another large-scale downtown project for which Lowney Associates provides both geotechnical engineering and construction observation and testing services.

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About Lowney Associates: Founded in Santa Clara County in 1969, Lowney Associates, a TRC Company, provides geotechnical and environmental engineering services. The firm specializes in geotechnical engineering, environmental site assessments and cleanups, and construction services. With office locations in Mountain View, Fairfield, Oakland, San Ramon and Fullerton, Lowney provides services throughout California and the West.

About TRC Companies, Inc.: One of Forbes Top 200 Best Small Companies and Business Week's Top 100 Hot Growth Companies for 2002, TRC is a customer-focused company with 2300 staff. TRC creates and implements sophisticated and innovative solutions to the challenges facing America's environmental, infrastructure, power, and transportation markets. One of these solutions, the Exit Strategy® program, is a liability and risk transfer mechanism that allows corporate and public entities to outsource their environmental compliance obligations. The company is also a leading provider of technical, financial, risk management, and construction services to both industry and government clients across the country.