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CSO dedicates new building

by **Judy Farrell**

"As we cut the ribbon to the front door of Western's new Corporate Services Office, we officially mark our move to Lakewood and to our co-location in one building together for the first time in our agency history."

With those words, Western Administrator **Mike Hacskaylo** led a delegation of scissor-wielding dignitaries in dedicating the CSO building Feb. 15. Joining him were Bob Murphy, Lakewood mayor pro tem; GSA Regional Administrator Susan Damour; Trey Akers of Dominion Leasing; and former Administrators Bob McPhail and Bill Clagett.

Blustery winds made the more than 300 current and former employees, Western customers and other guests happy to move to the building's second-floor conference center, where the remainder of the ceremony took place.

Corporate Communications Manager **LaVerne Kyriss**, who served as mistress of ceremonies, said the conference center itself was noteworthy because "for the first time in our history, we have a space where we can gather all of our CSO employees together in one room."

Murphy called the building a "stun-

ning addition to Alameda Parkway" that created jobs "where people can live," cutting down on pollution and urban sprawl. "It is a model for future development," he added.

Damour presented awards to current and former Western employees **Sandee Roth, Ron Johnson, Ann Nikolas, Omar Cobos, Bob Hennessy, Theresa Williams**, Tammy Attebery, Vicki Ponce and Hacskaylo in recognition of their contributions to the building process.

McPhail noted that the dedication was "a special occasion for all of you and really a special occasion for me, also." He told Hacskaylo, "You've done a marvelous job, Mr. Administrator."

Clagett noted that in the early days no one was sure Western would be around for long. Today, he said, it has "truly established itself as a bona fide transmission organization." He predicted Western will be around for a long time.

Following the ceremony, current and former employees and customers mingled over cake and punch and strolled through the building's work areas. Tours of the computer center proved particularly popular.

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