EXHIBIT N-9

Subject: **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR MULTI-PRIME PROJECT BIDS CM04-09 THROUGH CM21-09 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY BUILDING (MIB)**

OVERVIEW

On August 28, 2008, the Governing Board of Palomar Community College District selected C.W. Driver along with 3 other construction management firms to provide all aspects of construction management services as needed by the District on various projects assigned during the first bond series "A".

On February 22, 2008, Palomar Community College District and C.W. Driver entered into an agreement for construction management services under a "multi-prime" form of delivery in which C.W. Driver will represent the District as the Construction Manager providing oversight over multiple prime trade contractors for the construction of the Multi-disciplinary Instructional Building.

DISCUSSION

Under the supervision of Dennis Astl, Project Manager, C.W. Driver, a Notice to Contractors was published in the San Diego Daily Transcript on August 12, 2008 and August 28, 2008 inviting contractors to bid on the following trades for the construction of the Multi-Disciplinary Instructional Building (MIB) on the San Marcos campus:

BID PACKAGE #	DESCRIPTION	REQUIRED LICENSE	ESTIMATED VALUE
CM-04-09-MIB	Earthwork and Blasting	A or C-12	$532,000
CM-05-09-MIB	Landscaping and Irrigation	C-27	$563,000
CM-06-09-MIB	Concrete, Paving and Site Enclosures	B or C-8	$3,189,000
CM-07-09-MIB	Structural Steel and Metal Decking	C-51	$5,983,000
CM-08-09-MIB	Sheet Metal	C-43	$687,000
CM-09-09-MIB	Metal Studs, Drywall, Fireproofing, Doors and Hardware, Plaster, Painting, Final Cleaning	B	$6,408,000
CM-10-09-MIB	Casework and Finish Carpentry	B or C-6	$269,000
CM-11-09-MIB	Roofing and Waterproofing	C-39	$507,000
CM-12-09-MIB	Glass & Glazing and Rain Screen System	C-17	$3,469,000
CM-13-09-MIB	Ceramic Tile	C-54	$188,000
CM-14-09-MIB	Acoustic Ceiling	C-2	$676,000
CM-15-09-MIB	Flooring	C-15	$352,000
CM-16-09-MIB	Specialties	B or C-61	$739,000
CM-17-09-MIB	Elevators	B or C-11	$269,000
CM-18-09-MIB	Plumbing and Site Utilities	C-36	$1,520,000
CM-19-09-MIB	Fire Protection	C-16	$431,000
CM-20-09-MIB	HVAC	C-20	$3,566,000
CM-21-09-MIB	Electric	C-10	$3,693,000

The above-mentioned bids will be received up until the closing date and time of September 23, 2008 at 2:00 P.M., in the Governing Boardroom of Palomar College.

Once bids are received and reviewed, Driver will request that the Contracts Office of Palomar College issue contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on each of the designated trades. In order to complete this task in a timely manner and keep the construction project on schedule it is necessary to award contracts as soon as possible after the bid opening date and prior to the October board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The construction of the MIB will be paid through State Capital Outlay funds and Prop M.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Governing Board hereby authorizes Bonnie Ann Dowd, Vice President, Finance & Administrative Services or Ken Jay, Director, Business Services, to execute contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders for Multi-Prime Projects 04-09 through 21-09.