



**New Building Due to Open in Early 2009**

## **Vegas PBS Going Green**

**V**egas PBS has always been an organization that strives to make our community a better place. We currently have a project underway that will not only benefit our community, but will also make the world a better place. We are “going green!”

Vegas PBS and CCSD have joined forces to provide Las Vegas with a new “green” building. The 112,000-square foot, three-story Educational Technology Campus will house Vegas PBS studios and offices, CCSD virtual high school and the emergency response data casting operations to backup Nevada’s Homeland Security capacities. Currently, the building is over 50 percent complete.

Once completed, the Educational Technology Campus will be submitted for LEED Gold Certification, a high distinction in green-building standards. Architecture firm JMA designed the structure to include various green building designs to ensure maximum energy conservation such as; a light-colored parking lot to reduce urban heat island effects, geothermal wells to lower cooling costs, solar-voltaic panels, recycled steel, wood products from replanted forests, recycled or agriculturally-based floor and wall coverings, energy-efficient window and shading systems and water-use reduction systems. These great innovations will result in energy savings that will be at least 35 percent below current Clark County building codes.

The campus will do great things for both Vegas PBS and CCSD. It will allow Vegas PBS to use digital technology to serve the educational, cultural, public affairs and health programming needs of our community, as well as provide new services to protect the community during times of crisis and security threats. This will result in advances for CCSD School Emergency Alerting and Response System (SEARS).

The Educational Technology Campus is set to open on the Northeast corner of Flamingo Road and McLeod Drive in January 2009. ■