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## SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING "BEAM SIGNING" CEREMONY

**(Thousand Palms, CA)** February 18, 2014 • SunLine Transit Agency Beam Signing Ceremony for the new 25,000 square foot Administration Building and Park and Ride Facility.

One year ago, February 26, 2013, the SunLine Board of Directors broke ground on the Agency's new Administration Building, and the Park and Ride Facility. This "Beam Signing" Ceremony will mark another milestone in the project and is similar to a traditional "Topping Out" ceremony. The SunLine Board of Directors, General Manager, Lauren Skiver, and Doug Wall, the General Contractor, will take part in the ceremony.

SunLine Board Members and the Doug Wall Construction Company will sign the final beam that will be placed into the structure. Similar to a traditional "Topping Out" ceremony, this marks a milestone in the construction project. When the final steel beam is moved into place, it will be both an expression of pride by the workers that the frame has been completed, and heighten the anticipation of the upcoming project completion. Rooted in strong tradition, "Topping Out" ceremonies date back a thousand years to the Scandinavian people and mark the building reaching its maximum height. The flag will be raised to the highest point for this ceremony, but old tradition placed an evergreen at the top of the structure to symbolize bringing life and growth to the building.

More information about SunLine can be found at <u>sunline.org</u>. • Media inquiries contact Norma Stevens at 760-250-5366 or e-mail <u>nstevens@sunline.org</u>.

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SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit sunline.org.