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SunLine Transit Agency Ground Breaking Ceremony

(Thousand Palms, CA) February 20, 2013

WHAT: SunLine Transit Agency Ground Breaking Ceremony for their new 25,000 square foot Administration Building and Transit Hub

General Manager, C. Mikel Oglesby initiated this project shortly after accepting his position at SunLine Transit Agency. SunLine was able to piece together funds from the California Transportation Development Act, California Proposition 1B, and the Federal Transit Administration. The new administration building project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2014.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 • 10 AM

WHERE: SunLine Transit Agency • 32-505 Harry Oliver Trail, Thousand Palms • Media parking on street adjacent to the temporary driveway.

WHO: Coachella Valley Media, SunLine Transit Agency Board Members, Elected Officials, Transit Partners, Tourism and Hospitality Partners, Invited Guests

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This project will bring much-needed jobs to the Coachella Valley. The bid required that the winning bidder perform at least 10 percent of the work. That percentage amounts to a little over \$1 million for the Bermuda Dunes based firm Doug Wall Construction. The Coachella Valley is also expected to see \$5.7 million of subcontracted work from listed firms throughout the Valley.

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 <u>sunline.org</u>.

