



MEDIA ADVISORY MA 32

Contact: Philip R. Carrizosa, 415-865-8044

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 31, 2009

Short List Named For Hollister Courthouse Construction

Six firms are being considered for the role of construction manager at risk on the new Hollister Courthouse. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announced the short list for the three-courtroom, 41,500-square-foot building, which will occupy the site bounded by Fourth, West, Third and Monterey Streets in Hollister. The candidate firms are:

Bovis Lend Lease, Inc.
71 Stevenson St., Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

Skanska USA Building Inc.
1999 Harrison St., Suite 1950
Oakland, CA 94612

Devcon Construction, Inc.
690 Gibraltar Dr.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Sundt
2860 Gateway Oaks Dr., #300
Sacramento, CA 95833

Kitchell CEM
235 West Julian St., Suite 400
San Jose, CA 95110

Turner Construction Co.
60 S. Market St., Suite 1100
San Jose, CA 95113

The courthouse is currently being designed by architect SmithGroup. The AOC expects to announce its final selection of the construction manager at risk by October 1, 2009. The construction manager at risk method entails a commitment to deliver the project within a guaranteed maximum price. The manager will provide preconstruction services and will then serve as general contractor to solicit bids from subcontractors. The bidding process is expected to take place in late 2010 to early 2011.

Criteria for selecting the construction manager at risk will include an evaluation of each firm's plan for outreach to local subcontractors and ensuring that qualified local firms are fully aware of the bidding opportunity, process, and timeline.

The current project timeline estimates that the new courthouse will be open to the public in the fall of 2012. It will replace an outdated and undersized building shared with the County of San Benito that is incapable of meeting the region's growing demand and court services.

More information and a new video are at:

http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_sanbenito.htm

###

The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, the largest court system in the nation. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. The Administrative Office of the Courts carries out the official actions of the council and promotes leadership and excellence in court administration.