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## **Construction Manager at Risk Selected for Hollister Courthouse Project**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has announced the selection of the construction manager at risk for the new Hollister courthouse: the firm of Kitchell CEM (San Jose office). The construction manager at risk method entails a commitment to deliver the project within a guaranteed maximum price. Kitchell submitted the winning proposal to provide preconstruction services, planning, and construction management services, which include the solicitation of bids from subcontractors. The bidding process for subcontractors is expected to take place in late 2010 to early 2011.

In business for nearly 60 years, Kitchell has completed numerous public projects, including several courthouses. Selection criteria included an evaluation of the firm's plan for outreach to local subcontractors, ensuring that qualified local firms are fully aware of the bidding opportunity, process, and timeline.

"We're very pleased with the selection of Kitchell for the new courthouse project, said Gil Solorio, Executive Officer, Superior Court of San Benito County. "Their selection, alongside the AOC, the Court, and the project's architecture firm SmithGroup, completes a project team that possesses the highest level of expertise, experience, and commitment available."

The new courthouse, a three-courtroom, 42,860-square-foot building, will occupy the site bounded by Fourth, West, Third and Monterey Streets in downtown Hollister. 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 It will replace an outdated and undersized building shared with the County of San Benito that does not meet current standards for judicial services.

More information about the project is at:

[www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects\\_sanbenito.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_sanbenito.htm)

More information about Kitchell is at:

[www.kitchell.com](http://www.kitchell.com)

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