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Architects Selected for 13 Courthouse Projects

SAN FRANCISCO—The Judicial Council-Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) today announced the following architects selected for 13 courthouse projects funded under Senate Bill 1407:

County/Court Project	Firm
Alpine—New Markleeville Courthouse	Siegel & Strain Architects
Fresno—Renovation to County Courthouse	Ratcliff
Glenn—Renovation/Addition to Willows Historic Courthouse	Page & Turnbull
Kern—New Mojave Courthouse	Gould Evans Baum Thornley, Inc.
Los Angeles—Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse	AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (LA)
Placer—New North Tahoe Area Courthouse	Williams + Paddon Architects + Planners, Inc.
Plumas—New Quincy Courthouse	RossDrulisCusenbery Architecture, Inc.
Nevada—Nevada City Courthouse	SmithGroup, Inc.
Riverside—New Hemet Courthouse	Perkins & Will (LA)
San Joaquin—Renovation & Addition to Juvenile Justice Center	Anova Architects, Inc.
Santa Barbara—New Criminal Courthouse	Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners
Sierra—New Downieville Courthouse	Nichols-Melburg & Rossetto, AIA & Assoc., Inc.
Stanislaus—New Modesto Courthouse	Skidmore Owings & Merrill, LLP

The firms were selected through a request for qualifications that generated 299 written submissions from 100 firms. The AOC created a short list of 51 firms and conducted 72 team interviews that included the affected local courts before making the final selections.

The AOC expects begin negotiating contracts with each of the selected firms within the next 90 days. Once engaged, the firms may begin preliminary space programming and test fits, but architectural design for new courthouse projects must wait until each site acquisition is approved by the State Public Works Board. Site selection and acquisition typically take one to two years, although some projects may move more quickly through the process, and occasionally, complex and difficult acquisitions take longer.

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The 13 listed projects are the final ones for which the AOC is selecting architects for new courthouses and renovations among the 41 projects funded by Senate Bill 1407. This legislation, passed in 2008, finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments, without reliance on the state's General Fund. SB 1407 launched an unprecedented courthouse rebuilding program in California by designating judicial branch revenues to fund up to \$5 billion in lease-revenue bonds that will finance the 41 projects. To date, 36 architectural firms have been selected or hired for trial court capital projects in the AOC's courthouse construction program. The overall program will create thousands more jobs in local communities as the projects proceed through design and construction over the next five years.

More information is available at the California Courts web site:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/index.htm

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