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Architect Selected for San Joaquin Juvenile Justice Center Renovation

SAN FRANCISCO—A Placerville firm, Anova Architects, Inc. has been selected to design the renovation and expansion of the Juvenile Justice Center in French Camp, just south of Stockton, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announced today. The proposed project will add a third courtroom to the existing two-courtroom building and improve security, efficiency, and accessibility for persons with disabilities. The renovation and expansion will enhance the ability of the Superior Court of San Joaquin to serve the public, particularly those involved in juvenile delinquency matters.

This project was ranked in the “immediate need” category in the judicial branch’s capital-outlay plan, making it among the branch’s highest-priority infrastructure projects. A joint occupancy agreement was recently completed with the County of San Joaquin, confirming the court’s use of county land for the project. Once the architecture firm is engaged, the project’s design phase will begin, including affirmation of the functional needs of the project and initial building layout and planning. The \$3.8 million project is scheduled for completion in fall 2013.

Anova Architects are specialists in the design of buildings for public use. The firm, established in 1985, has performed design work for numerous building projects in the Central Valley, including libraries, schools, and medical facilities.

The renovated and expanded justice center is among 41 projects to be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which 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. 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 about the project is on the California Courts website at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_sanjoaquin_juvenile.htm

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