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## **Architect Selected for Willows Historic Courthouse Renovation and Addition**

SAN FRANCISCO—The California architecture firm of Page & Turnbull has been selected to design the renovation and addition to the Willows Historic Courthouse, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announced today. The proposed project, which is in the earliest phase of site acquisition, will provide the residents of Glenn County with a modern and secure courthouse with three courtrooms. The project will consolidate two facilities into one, replacing previous additions, and renovating the historic 1894 courthouse in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The historic courthouse will also undergo seismic strengthening and improvements to its mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

This project was ranked in the "critical need" category of the judicial branch's capital-outlay plan, making it among the branch's highest-priority infrastructure projects. Once engaged, the architecture team can begin preliminary space programming, but architectural design must wait until the site acquisitions needed for additional land at the site as well as parking are approved by the State Public Works Board, expected later this spring. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2015.

Page & Turnbull, established in 1973, with offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento, specializes in the reuse of existing buildings and preserving historic structures. It was the architectural firm for the renovation of the Ferry Building in San Francisco, the Royal Presidio Chapel in Monterey, and the Walt Disney Family Museum in the Presidio in San Francisco.

The proposed Willows courthouse renovation and addition 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\\_glenn\\_renovate.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_glenn_renovate.htm)

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