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## Architects Selected for Eight Courthouse Projects

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

Courthouse Project	Firm
Kern County—New Delano Courthouse	LPA Irvine
Kings County—New Hanford Courthouse	DLR Group
Los Angeles—New Glendale Courthouse	Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects
Los Angeles—New Santa Clarita Courthouse	Moore Ruble Yudell Architects
Mendocino County—New Ukiah Courthouse	Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, LLP
Merced County—New Los Banos Courthouse	Williams + Paddon
Siskiyou County—Yreka Courthouse	EHDD Architecture
Tuolumne County—New Sonora Courthouse	Lionakis

The firms were selected through a request for qualifications that generated more than 215 written submissions from over 80 firms. The AOC created a short list of 34 firms and conducted team interviews that included the affected local courts before making the final selections.

The AOC expects to negotiate contracts with the selected firms within the next 90 days. Once engaged, the firms may begin preliminary space programming and test fits for the projects, but architectural design for each project must wait until site acquisition is approved by the State Public Works Board. Site selection and acquisition typically take a year or more, although some projects may move more quickly through the process and others may take longer.

These projects are among 41 new and renovated courthouses to be funded by SB 1407, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments. Passed in 2008, 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 for courthouse projects. The AOC expects to release two more requests for qualifications for all remaining SB 1407 projects in July, one for the renovation of the Fresno Courthouse, and one for the remaining 12 projects, with final selections by the end of the year.

More information is available at the California Courts website:  
[www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/index.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/index.htm).

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