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FACT SHEET

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Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse

Among the courts in California with the greatest need for replacement is the Long Beach court building. The current courthouse, built in 1959, suffers from fundamental flaws, is overcrowded, and fails to meet accessibility requirements, making it incapable of meeting the growing demand for court services in the Long Beach area. The Judicial Council's project to replace this building is the first for which the state intends to use Performance-Based Infrastructure (PBI), an innovative delivery method that involves engaging a private team to finance, design, build, operate, and maintain the court building.

Scope

The project will provide the South District of the Los Angeles Superior Court with a full-service, consolidated facility.

Courtrooms: 31, with space for future expansion

Total square footage: 531,000, with 416,000 of that for court space

Design approach: A low-rise scheme in an L shape, one section of 4 stories, the other of 5 stories, surrounding a large secure courtyard, a spacious lobby, greatly improved jury space, and courtrooms with access to natural light

Other elements: Space for county justice partners, compatible retail space, and renovation of the nearby 970-space parking structure

Location: 275 Magnolia Avenue, between West Broadway and West 3rd Street

Current status: Construction completed ahead of schedule and under budget; courthouse will open for business on September 9, 2013.

Government Collaboration

The project has received strong support from both the executive and legislative branches of state government. The Budget Act of 2007 authorized the Judicial Council to undertake this effort. The County of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach also strongly support this effort. The state acquired the site through an exchange agreement in which the City provided the site plus a financial contribution to the court building project in exchange for title to the existing Long Beach Courthouse property, which will be vacated when the new court building is complete.

More Information

Project web page: www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-la-longbeach.htm