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## **Architect Selected for New Redding Courthouse**

San Francisco—The global architecture firm of NBBJ has been selected to design the new Redding Courthouse, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announced today. The proposed project, which is in the earliest phase of site selection, will provide a new 14-courtroom courthouse, replacing three overcrowded and unsafe facilities: the Main Courthouse and Annex, the Justice Center, and the Juvenile Court.

This project, with an estimated total cost of \$211.8 million, was ranked as an “Immediate Need” in the judicial branch’s capital-outlay plan and is among the judicial branch’s highest-priority infrastructure projects.

“We are very pleased with the AOC’s selection of an architecture firm with such impressive qualifications and experience,” said Presiding Judge Stephen H. Baker, Superior Court of Shasta County. “We know that this selection is the result of careful consideration of a large number of very competitive proposals from some of the most respected and well-qualified architectural firms not only in California, but across the nation. We look forward to working with NBBJ to design a courthouse that will be a source of pride for our community and the public we serve.”

The new Redding courthouse project is currently in site selection. The local Court, AOC, and a project advisory group that includes members of the local community are reviewing a short list of potential sites. Once engaged, the architecture team can begin preliminary space programming, but architectural design must wait until a site is selected and acquisition is approved by the State Public Works Board. Site selection and acquisition typically take a year or more. The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2014.

Seattle-based NBBJ has extensive experience in civic architecture and has designed courthouses in both the United States and Canada. The firm, which has offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles, is already working with the AOC, currently designing a new courthouse in Stockton for the Superior Court of San Joaquin County. The firm brings extensive experience in sustainable design to the project.

The new Redding courthouse is among the first of 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, fines, and penalties. More information about the project is at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects\\_shastaredding.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_shastaredding.htm)

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