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Architect Selected for New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse

San Francisco—The Southern California architecture firm of Frank R. Webb Architects has been selected to design the new Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has announced. The proposed project, which is in the earliest phase of site selection, will provide a new five-courtroom courthouse to consolidate all family court and juvenile court functions in the Desert Region.

This project, with an estimated total cost of \$84.4 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. The proposed project will replace the Juvenile Courthouse inside the county juvenile detention facility, constructed in 1955. The current juvenile court is substandard in size, overcrowded, and not up to current standards. The project will also consolidate family law cases from the Larson Justice Center, freeing space there to accommodate new judgeships.

“We are very pleased with this selection of an architect that brings broad Southern California expertise to our new courthouse,” said Presiding Judge Thomas H. Cahraman, Superior Court of Riverside County. “This project is not only critically needed by our court, but it will be an important addition to Indio’s civic community and an infrastructure effort that will provide economic benefits for years to come.”

The new Indio Juvenile and Family 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 architectural team can begin preliminary space programming and test fits of the program on several selected sites. The full design process based on the approved site will commence when site 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.

Frank R. Webb Architects was founded in 1990 and currently has offices in Los Angeles and Anaheim. The firm has broad experience with Southern California, with clients in government, healthcare, and commercial development. The firm brings extensive experience in sustainable design to the project.

The new 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_riversideindio.htm

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