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## **Construction Manager at Risk Selected for New San Diego Central Courthouse**

SAN FRANCISCO—The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has announced the selection of the construction manager at risk for the new San Diego Central Courthouse project: Rudolph and Sletten, Inc. Using a construction manager at risk entails a commitment to deliver the project within a guaranteed maximum price. Rudolph and Sletten submitted the winning proposal to provide preconstruction services, planning, and construction management services, which include the solicitation of bids from subcontractors. Preconstruction services will begin this year, but construction is several years away. Subcontractor bidding is expected to take place in 2013.

“Their selection, alongside the AOC and the court, and the project’s architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, gives us a project team with the expertise, experience, and commitment to successfully complete this very important courthouse construction project,” said Michael M. Roddy, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of San Diego County.

In business for more than 50 years, the California firm of Rudolph and Sletten has completed numerous public projects and will deliver services from its regional office in San Diego. The firm has particular expertise in sustainable construction. Selection criteria included an evaluation of the firm’s plan for outreach to local subcontractors, ensuring that qualified local firms are fully aware of the bidding opportunity, the process, and the timeline.

The proposed new courthouse will house 71 courtrooms in a high-rise totaling 704,000 square feet. It will replace the County Courthouse, Family Court, and Madge Bradley Court, which lack necessary security features and are overcrowded and inadequate for current court operations. With an estimated total cost of \$633.9 million, the new San Diego Central Courthouse is the largest project to be funded through Senate Bill 1407, which finances much-needed new and renovated court facilities using court user fees rather than the state’s General Fund. It is estimated that the new courthouse will open in early 2016. The AOC is currently conducting environmental studies for the project.

More information about the project: [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects\\_sandiego.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_sandiego.htm)

More information about the firms:

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill: [www.som.com/content.cfm/www\\_home](http://www.som.com/content.cfm/www_home)

Rudolph and Sletten: [www.rsconstruction.com](http://www.rsconstruction.com)

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