

Mohave County (Arizona) Needs Assessment and Pre-Design Planning Services for Correctional Facility Expansion

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In July 2005, Mohave County, AZ selected a project team, led by RNL Design, to assist the County in planning for jail expansion. Chinn Planning, Inc. served as a sub-consultant to RNL Design for the planning and programming components of the project. The County is currently operating two correctional facilities. The main jail has a capacity to house 240 inmates. In addition, a Work Release program is operated out of a renovated military barrack, with a capacity to house 112 inmates. Although the capacity of these two facilities combined is 252 inmates, the average daily jail population reached 470 inmates by the end of 2004, prompting the County to undertake a study to develop expansion options.

Work conducted by Chinn Planning, Inc. included a system and operational assessment of the criminal justice system, projection of future capacity requirements, development of an operational and space program, and development of options to meet future capacity requirements. These options included expansion of the main jail on the current site, as well as consolidation of the two jail facilities on one new site.

MOHAVE COUNTY FACILITY HOUSING UNIT ALLOCATION - PHASE I AND PHASE II						
Comp. #	Custody Housing Component	Phase I	Phase II	Description	Phase I	Phase II
		# of HSG Units	# of HSG Units		Total Capacity	Total Capacity
1.000	<u>Maximum Custody Housing</u> > One Housing Support Area	3	4	40 Single Cell Units	120	160
2.000	<u>Special Custody Housing</u> > One Housing Support Area	4	4	40 Single Cell Units	160	160
3.000	<u>Medium Custody Housing</u> > Two Housing Support Areas	5	6	48 Bed Units (24 Double Occupancy Cells)	240	288
4.000	<u>Minimum Custody Housing</u> > One Housing Support Area	2	3	72 Bed Dormitory Units	144	216
5.000	<u>Juvenile Housing</u> > One Housing Support Area	1	1	24 Single Cell Unit	24	24
TOTAL CAPACITY					688	848