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To: AB 900 CONDITIONALLY AWARDED COUNTIES –
SHERIFFS
DIRECTOR, LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
PROJECT CONTACT PERSONS

Subject: Bulletin 10-LJCFP 04
Cash Match Reduction
AB 900 Local Jail Construction Financing Program

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise conditionally awarded counties of action taken by the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board on July 15, 2010 related to counties' cash match contributions on their jail construction projects. The Board's action provides the opportunity for all affected counties, as needed, to reduce their cash match contribution to the minimum levels previously established in this jail construction financing process. In so doing, the counties shall maintain other previously determined critical elements (as outlined in part below).

While the CSA Board took action on May 6, 2010 to allow overmatched counties (those with more than 25 percent match) the ability to reduce their overall (and cash) match to the 25 percent required by law, the Board more recently took one further step in affording a similar opportunity to the remaining conditionally awarded counties, specifically as it relates to reducing cash match where applicable. The Board's action verbatim was to "...allow a reduction in the cash match amount for any eligible county as may be applicable and within the established minimums, as dictated in Government Code and regulations." (See the following paragraph for a more detailed explanation.)

This action means all of the following:

- The legislated 25 percent overall match amount remains in effect for medium and large counties.
- For medium and large counties with the minimum 25 percent match, decreasing the cash match percentage will require increasing the in-kind match percentage in order to maintain the required 25 percent match balance.
- Small and medium counties must still provide at least five percent cash match.
- Large counties must still provide at least ten percent cash match.

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- Counties must still maintain their original project scope as submitted to CSA in their project proposal.
- State dollars will reimburse counties for construction costs only.
- Eligible and ineligible project costs are still applicable as previously outlined in the Requests for Proposals and program regulations.
- Counties will not be awarded additional state dollars for their projects.

We recognize this CSA Board action may assist some project budgets more than others. However, we encourage your county to review the cost and budget summary submitted with your AB 900 proposal to assess whether you can benefit from the CSA Board's action.

Counties with questions on how this may affect their specific project budget are encouraged to contact their assigned CSA Field Representative for this process. As always, please do not hesitate to call on us at anytime.

Sincerely,



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