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Mr. Robert Oates
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Dear Mr. Oates,

On December 19, 2014, Riverside County Probation (RCP) submitted a response to the Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) Request for Proposal (RFP), for \$17.5 million in SB81 round 2 funds. The response outlined RCP's intent to construct a 9,690-sf intake and assessment area and a 7,931-sf program and vocational training facility to service the youth committed to the Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC) at Indio Juvenile Hall (IJH).

On April 9, 2015, Riverside County received a partial conditional award from the BSCC in the amount of \$15.9 million. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors accepted the award on July 21, 2015, and began selection of the architect and the design process. During design, the BSCC notified RCP that additional funds were available to make the partial award whole. RCP accepted the additional funds and on November 20, 2016, the BSCC approved the full conditional award of \$17.5 million to Riverside County.

The vocational training and programming for the YTEC is essential to the continued provision of educational and rehabilitative services to at risk youth. Currently, the YTEC youth are escorted from detention-style living units to various locations around the juvenile hall which was never designed to facilitate a treatment program. During the design of the new vocational training

facility, it became apparent that having adjacent secure treatment housing would be the most optimal method for delivering the necessary rehabilitative services and maintaining the security of the facility. Including secure treatment housing will also allow for a more intense focus on the needs of the YTEC youth without increasing staffing levels. With the additional funds, the RCP requested the architect design an additional adjacent space for a 16 bed secure treatment housing unit. Although the new plan increases the overall square footage indicated in the initial proposal, the total cost of the project is anticipated to be within the original proposed budget.

Once completed, the YTEC building will consist of secured areas for staff and clerical workers, a classroom, work space for mental health therapists, vocational and programming space, interview rooms for continued assessment of the youth, multipurpose rooms for school and group sessions, and an area where families can visit and participate in treatment programs with the youth. The inclusion of a housing unit and dayroom will help create a home-like environment while providing more privacy and a greater sense of independence for youth engaged in the rehabilitative process.

The Riverside County Probation hereby requests that the Board of State and Community Corrections approve the addition of the 16 bed facility, thereby allowing the RCP to provide a more comprehensive treatment and rehabilitative program all under one roof.

Sincerely,



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