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Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Center, Santa Rosa

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The \$38 million Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Center was designed to replace the existing Los Guiliucos Juvenile Detention Center.

The project is located on a 60-acre parcel just off Highway 12 between Sonoma and Santa Rosa, and consisted of 12 buildings on 11 different elevations, which created a challenging task for both the design team and for the contractors building the project.

The buildings within the project included Housing Units 1-7, which includes seven 20-bed podular direct supervision units. Each unit includes school and activity spaces to support a decentralized operational program. Unit designs vary according to classifications. Single bedrooms are used for high security, mixed single/double rooms for general population groups

and a dormitory unit is used for youth awaiting placement.

The center also includes a Medical Building for attending to the populations' healthcare, three enclosed recreation yards and a sports field for recreational activities.

A new two-story, 32,000-sq.-ft. courthouse includes two courtrooms, court offices, secure court holding area, juve-

Judges' Comments

"The buildings reflect the complexity of its program while developing a consistent sense of calm."

nile probation office for more than 50 staff, district attorney office suite, public defender office suite, staff support areas and public lobby.

Project Team

Owner

County of Sonoma, General Services Department, Santa Rosa

Architect

The Design Partnership, San Francisco

General Contractor

Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc., Benicia

Key subcontractors

Peterson Mechanical, Sonoma; Great Salt Lake Electric Inc., Las Vegas; Bratton Masonry Inc., Fresno; Kern Steel Fabrication (structural steel), Bakersfield; North Bay Construction (sitework), Petaluma; North Counties Drywall Inc., Sonoma

The innovative design of the project was to create a friendly, more open environment that is more conducive to the rehabilitation of the juvenile population. This was achieved by creating

open spaces with extensive windows and skylights for natural lighting and the use of wood, colored glass and stainless steel in the interiors. <<