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## **AOC to Issue RFP for Statewide Courthouse Maintenance**

San Francisco—The Administrative Office of the Courts announced plans to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for three regional contracts for maintenance and repairs at the hundreds of courthouses and other court buildings now managed statewide by the Office of Court Construction and Management (OCCM).

“With three full years of maintenance data and more detailed knowledge of building condition and service requirements, OCCM is seeking ways to maximize the cost-effectiveness of the contracts, which enable the AOC to manage an extensive building portfolio with the most efficient staffing model,” said Ronald G. Overholt, chief deputy director of the AOC.

Service contracts for this work were originally signed in 2006, when building transfers had barely begun. The maintenance and repair contracts now cover a building portfolio of over 19 million square feet. Before issuing the new RFP, OCCM will re-evaluate the structure and contracting model for these services. OCCM’s current service providers, Jacobs Project Management Company and Aleut Facilities Management, are under contract until March 31, 2011. Both firms are fully licensed to perform all work. The AOC recently extended its agreement with Aleut for one year, so that Aleut will resume full services to courts in the AOC’s Northern Central Region, which covers trial courts in 31 counties from Tulare north to the state line and involves 160 facilities totaling nearly 3 million square feet.

“We considered all other options for the short term, but found them unfeasible or unacceptable,” Overholt said. An internal staff of eight currently covers the region, and there was no option to add staff to quickly take on the work directly.

“We have been very happy with the maintenance and repair service we receive from Aleut,” said Rosalie Tucker, Court Operations Manager in the Superior Court of El Dorado County. “Response times are appropriate to the degree of need, and the on-site technicians are always thorough and efficient.”

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