



Mendota Federal Correctional Institution

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) proposed to build a medium security federal correctional institution in Fresno County in May 2000. The City of Mendota was selected as the site for the new facility, which will provide 1,152 much needed bed space for male inmates. These beds will be critical in reducing projected crowding at the medium security level. Currently crowding at medium security facilities is 37% over capacity.

PROJECT HISTORY:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons has received funding to build a new federal correctional institution in the Western Region for the Mendota Facility.

- FY2001 – received \$11.9 million for site planning and development.
- FY2002 – received \$147 million for remaining construction funding.

In September 2004, BOP awarded a firm, fixed price contract with various options for the design and construction of the facility. The contract was designed with options due to the rescission of funds from the project in FY02 and FY04. Restoration of funds was anticipated prior to the time they would be needed to exercise other options for the completion of the project. The deadline for exercising the contract was October 2006. The BOP will now be required to solicit and award a new contract at significantly higher costs. It is now estimated that the cost to finish the facility is \$116 million. **Request reinstatement of funding to complete the facility.**

RURAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

- The City of Mendota needs economic stimulus; 42% of the community's residents live below the poverty level; 18.6% are unemployed and the median family income is only \$22,984.
- The facility will employ approximately 300 staff with 60% from the local area.
- Annual operations budget of \$30 million with 80% payroll and purchased goods.
- A minimum of \$160 million in construction costs will be spent in the area.

RECIPIENT:

City of Mendota

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Partially constructed correctional institution in Mendota. Construction commenced in 2005 but has not been completed because funding was diverted.