

LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

PROJECT FACT SHEET

December 2024

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Following numerous studies which determined the Lancaster County existing prison complex's structures, utility and mechanical systems are well beyond their useful life, the County is embarking on the development of a new modern correctional facility.

BASE BID PLUS ALTERNATES PLAN

Bid Alternates are elements of a construction project which are priced separately within a project bid form so Lancaster County may decide whether to include those elements in a project using actual pricing from contractors. This process would allow the County to keep its options open regarding the inclusion of certain aspects of the project based on the cost of each element. This also allows the County to balance the delicate needs of public safety with fiscal responsibility of taxpayer dollars.

Once bids are received on the base bid plus alternates, the County will decide which alternates to award within a set time frame as specified in the bid. If a particular alternate item is not accepted at the time the contract is awarded, the County still has several options:

- » The County may still accept and award the alternate within the allowable timeframe per the contract documents.
- » The County may incorporate the scope of work later in the project through a change order.
- » The County may incorporate those scope items as part of a new, standalone project at some point in the future.

PROPOSED ALTERNATES

Wellness beds: Including the 7 wellness beds would support the projected 1212 bed capacity, allowing staff to provide more flexible care within the correctional facility instead of transporting inmates off-site.

Work release: Including a work release program within the facility would provide high accountability for inmates by allowing them to spend limited time in the community at their places of employment. Changes to work release would require a close working relationship with the court system and further discussions about how the space would be built out to best meet the needs of that specific population.

Male and female support clusters: While the base bid does include general programming space, having additional male and female support clusters would allow LCCF staff to provide further customized and enhanced programming.

Central booking: Completing the fit-out of a central booking facility would allow for a more streamlined intake process by having a dedicated facility and staff to handle the administrative tasks of new arrests. The central booking facility would allow for processing from all areas of the county, as well as classification processing and assignment.

Maintenance space: Including maintenance space at the correctional facility would allow for more cost-effective upkeep of the property and quicker access to maintenance emergencies, rather than having to wait for crews and equipment to arrive from centralized county maintenance.

MISSION STATEMENT

Construction of the LCCF will result in a facility that is professional, operates with the utmost integrity, and adheres to facility and corrections best practices to prepare individuals to re-enter society as law-abiding and productive citizens while providing a safe environment for the incarcerated, staff, visitors and the community.

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