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Bakersfield Federal Courthouse
Announcement of Design-Build Project

Informational Meeting – May 14, 2009

The General Services Administration has announced that the Federal Courthouse to be constructed in downtown Bakersfield will be a design-build project. The GSA plans to issue the Request for Qualifications for the project on or about Wednesday, May 20th.

The GSA will hold a public information meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2009. The meeting will be held at City Hall South, 1501 Truxtun Avenue in the Bakersfield City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from the GSA and the City will be present to discuss the project and to address questions from the public and potential bidders.

The courthouse project is being funded from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the Federal economic stimulus program recently passed by Congress). It will be constructed in the central downtown business district on a site donated by the City of Bakersfield at 19th Street, between R and S Streets. In keeping with the GSA's "Design Excellence Program" the architecture will be compatible with the new Mill Creek linear park area being developed by the City adjacent to the courthouse site. The courthouse will be approximately 33,400 square feet, with an estimated cost between \$17 and \$22 million dollars, according to the GSA.

More information about the Federal courthouse design-build project is available at www.fedbizopps.gov

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