

Anchorage Campus Court Renovation**FY2013 Request: \$5,100,000****Reference No: 43152****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling**Category:** Law and Justice**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Impact House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Contact:** Rhonda McLeod**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)264-8215**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Anchorage court campus is comprised of three main buildings – the Boney Courthouse, the Nesbett Courthouse, and the Snowden Administration Building. This project is for a major remodel of the Boney Courthouse and a lesser remodel of the Nesbett Courthouse to accommodate additional judges, provide secure prisoner containment and transport within the Boney Courthouse, and perform seismic upgrades as practicable and in compliance with building codes.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Gen Fund	\$5,100,000	\$6,246,500					\$11,346,500
Total:	\$5,100,000	\$6,246,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,346,500

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill		

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Sec 1, Ch 5, SLA 2011, PG 119, LN 3 \$4,500,000 - Anchorage Campus Court Renovation, HD 16-32

Sec 7, Ch 43, SLA 2010, PG 55, LN 13 \$8,000,000 - Boney Courthouse Campus Renovation, HD 1-40

Sec 1, Ch 15, SLA 2009, PG 37, LN 15 \$5,000,000 - Anchorage Campus Project Phase 2, HD 17-32

Sec 13, Ch 29, SLA 2008, PG 174, LN 9 \$4,550,000 - Anchorage Campus Project Phase 1, HD 17-32

Sec 1, Ch 30, SLA 2007, PG 80, LN 6 \$1,430,000 - Anchorage Campus Project - Prisoner Elevator and Holding Cells, HD 17-32

Project Description/Justification:

During fiscal year 2007, several new judicial positions funded by the legislature were filled. At the same time, the court system received funding to create adequate work space for these judges and the staff who supported them. In Anchorage, where two of these judges were appointed, the effort to house the new positions required an analysis of the entire Anchorage campus and careful thought to determine which court proceedings could be performed in which Anchorage buildings.

In the fifteen years since occupancy of Nesbett, the trial courts have experienced increased caseload and implemented innovative case processing for specialized case types (substance abuse and mental health), requiring additional judges and specialized therapeutic courts. These program changes have also resulted in different space requirements and utilization. In FY2012, two additional judges were added. Each superior court judge position requires office space for the judge, a judicial assistant, and a law clerk.

The Boney Courthouse remains a critical element in facilitating trial court operations and it would be cost effective to renovate the building to sustain these operations. Although the Boney Courthouse is over 30 years old, structural and code evaluations conducted in 1999 by engineers and architects indicated that this building had the structural integrity to last another 30 years with replacement of major building systems such as elevators, heat delivery and distribution systems, and other portions of the mechanical and electrical systems, water systems, and air distribution systems. Additionally, the Alaska Court System needs to bring security systems in the Boney Courthouse up to the standards used in the Nesbett Courthouse to ensure public and staff safety and prisoner containment. These changes requires a significant remodel from the basement through the fourth floor, which consist of holding cells, courtrooms, chambers, and other trial court workspace. The Boney Courthouse must also be upgraded to address current seismic code requirements for the structural systems.

With the first appropriation of capital funding in FY2007, areas of the third floor of the Boney building were remodeled to accommodate three district court judges and their court proceedings. In FY2009 and FY2010, with additional capital funding, the remaining areas of the third floor were constructed to accommodate three more judges and their court proceedings. Additionally, on the first floor, an arraignment courtroom and a secured prisoner transport area consisting of an entry, holding cells and an elevator were designed and constructed. This has enabled some proceedings for in-custody defendants to be located in the Boney facility. Funding was used to replace the outdated non-secure, non-code compliant staff/prisoner elevator with one that accommodates current safety and security needs to allow prisoner delivery without endangering staff. The capital funding received in FY2011 and FY2012 allowed the court to proceed with the design of a full building remodel, and request proposals for a large portion of the remodel construction within the Boney Courthouse.

The Alaska Court System estimates a need for an additional \$11,346,500 to continue the remodel work necessary to (1) accommodate district court functions on the first, second, and fourth floors of the Boney Courthouse; (2) relocate library staff and the grand jury proceedings to the mezzanine, and consolidate the law library at the first floor of the Boney facility for more efficient space utilization and to accommodate new technology; (3) remodel the holding areas and the Anchorage Police Department's Warrants' office in the Boney basement for safe prisoner transport and holding; (4) relocate several smaller divisions from the Nesbett to the Boney Courthouse as necessary to support district court functions in the Boney facility and superior court functions in the Nesbett building; and (5) remodel Nesbett to accommodate large juries and conferences, provide one additional courtroom and a smaller hearing room, and accommodate several proceedings and divisions relocated from the Boney building such as probate, children's court, and standing masters.

This request also includes approximately \$1,018,000 for additional code required structural upgrades, security modifications and repairs for the aging Nesbett systems which need to be extended to the Boney Courthouse to support the new functions, increased cost for compact shelving and additional site utilities that need to be relocated at the Boney Courthouse, none of which was anticipated in

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FY2012, and a 5.0% cost escalation factor for one year of construction inflation as documented by the Association of General Contractors (AGC).