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Juvenile Justice in Stanislaus County is Taking a Bold Step Forward

Stanislaus County, CA – A massive undertaking is scheduled to kick-off in Stanislaus County as ground will be broken on **the first Juvenile Commitment Center to be constructed in California as a result of the landmark legislation SB 81.**

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.** The event will take place on the campus of the existing Juvenile Justice Center at **2215 Blue Gum Avenue**, Modesto. Various elected and public officials will be among those in attendance at the event.

Stanislaus County is partnering with the State of California to build the 60-bed Juvenile Commitment Center funded by the SB 81, the 2007 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitation Facilities Construction Financing Program. This 60-bed facility is to house sentenced youth offenders and will be located adjacent the existing Juvenile Hall on the site of the Juvenile Justice Center in Modesto. The purpose of the State financing program is support rehabilitation as a core component of the facility.

The 46,998 square foot project includes (2) 15-bed housing units; (1) 30-bed housing unit; kitchen; visitation/multipurpose room; classrooms; program rooms; administrative and central control offices and an outdoor recreation yard. The Stanislaus Board of Supervisors has approved over \$24 million in project cost for the facility of which the State is funding \$18 million.

Roebbelen Contracting, Inc. of El Dorado Hills, California was awarded the construction contract for the project.

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