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To: SMALL COUNTIES –
SHERIFFS
DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF CORRECTIONS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Subject: Bulletin 08-LJCFP 01
Reduction in Match for Small Counties
Request for Proposals – Construction or Expansion of County Jails
Local Jail Construction Funding Program (AB 900)

The purpose of this news bulletin to small counties is to clarify the implementation of match reduction as outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction or Expansion of County Jails. On December 20, 2007 the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) released the RFP for Construction or Expansion of County Jails, and posted the document on its website. As per the authorizing legislation of Assembly Bill 900, and as stated in the RFP, small counties may petition the CSA Board for a reduction in match. Details on this component can be found on page 17 of the RFP, and more thoroughly in the accompanying Proposal Form on pages 3 and 4.

For counties that are granted a reduction in match (allowable as an in-kind match reduction only), and depending upon the construction dollar amount of the proposed project, state dollars may fund up to 95% of eligible construction costs. In all projects, each small county must still contribute and document the required 5% cash match in Section 2 of the Proposal Form. Regardless of whether a small county receives a reduction in in-kind match or not, all match eligible expenditures are still the responsibility of the county. State dollars may reimburse for actual and eligible construction dollars only, up to the allowable state dollar maximum project cap amount of $30 million.

Counties desiring to petition the CSA Board for a reduction in in-kind match, may do so either before the March 18, 2008 proposal due date, or the petition request may be part of the county's proposal submittal, as outlined in the Proposal Form. All counties intending to petition are encouraged to contact CSA staff as soon as possible to make arrangements for the proposal to be heard by the CSA Board in a timely manner. CSA staff is available to answer any questions regarding this process; contact information may be found on page 3 of the RFP.

Sincerely,

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