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**CITY COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATION ON COURTHOUSE  
DESIGN/BUILD FIRM**

**JACKSONVILLE**, Fla., Aug. 25, 2006 – The City of Jacksonville’s Department of Public Works announced today that the city’s Competitive Sealed Proposal Evaluation Committee (CSPEC) recommended that Mayor John Peyton select the joint venture of Auchter/Perry-McCall as the firm to design and build the new Duval County criminal courthouse.

This recommendation comes after the CSPEC reviewed all proposals received in response to the city’s Request For Proposal and presentations by the two top-ranked firms. The five-member CSPEC panel included representatives from the city’s Procurement, Administration and Finance, and Public Works departments along with a representative from the Office of General Counsel and Chief Judge Don Moran.

Mayor Peyton will review the committee’s recommendations. If approved by the mayor, the city’s procurement department will proceed with negotiations with the first-ranked firm. The budget for the new criminal courthouse is \$140.2 million.

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