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## **PUERTO RICO LAUNCHES A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PPP PROJECT**

*Puerto Rico has released a feasibility and value for money report for a DBFM juvenile correctional facility*

SAN JUAN, PR- The Public-Private Partnership Authority (the “PPPA”), together with the Puerto Rico Juvenile Institutions Administration (the “JIA”), has completed the initial step in the preparation for Puerto Rico’s first social infrastructure project under the P3 legislation enacted in June 2009. Specifically, the PPPA has released a feasibility and value for money analysis for a design-build-finance-maintain project for a juvenile social treatment facility in Puerto Rico.

The PPPA and JIA are interested in procuring a DBFM project for a 600-bed juvenile facility (the “Project”). The PPPA, along with JIA, has thoroughly evaluated this opportunity, since it will be Puerto Rico’s first correctional social infrastructure project under its P3 legislation and because there is a need to begin a transformational change in the correctional sector. The feasibility study, which is a requirement under the P3 legislation in Puerto Rico, reveals that a DBFM would be the most adequate procurement structure, there is a positive value for money, and the Project is affordable. The feasibility report is available at [www.p3.gov.pr](http://www.p3.gov.pr).

PPPA Executive Director David Álvarez stated: “Social infrastructure is an important area of development for Puerto Rico. In Puerto Rico we have a combination of factors, such as, a clear need for investment, demographic trends, and the ability to achieve savings that bring about the necessary fundamentals for projects in social infrastructure. We want to deliver a very successful first project that will help us open the door for additional opportunities in the correctional space and other social infrastructure assets.”

The desirability study indicates that the Project has four main objectives:

1. Develop a new facility with a robust long-term maintenance program based on performance metrics.
2. Provide best-practices and high standard accommodations that will strengthen rehabilitation services.
3. Advance compliance with the Civil Case. Fully meet stipulations of the Civil Case related to the construction and maintenance of new juvenile detention and social treatment campus complexes.
4. Address the fragmentation of facilities in the juvenile system and achieve savings.

The PPPA and JIA are actively working in the remaining steps and milestones of the procurement process. A request for qualifications (RFQ) will be the next step in the process. The PPPA and JIA are already completing an RFQ, which is expected to be released within the first quarter of 2012.

The PPPA has also selected a full team of advisors for this project. The team is composed of the following members:

- CPM (Procurement and Technical Advisor)
- Advantage Business Consulting (Financial and Economic Advisor)
- Pietrantoni, Mendez & Alvarez LLC (Local Counsel)
- Aird and Berlis LLP (Specialized Counsel)
- SMRT, Inc. (US-based Design and Space Planning Advisor)
- Marques + Marques (Local Design Advisor)

A robust combination of local expertise with experienced professionals from Canada and US will help the PPPA and JIA reach a successful completion of this project. Also, the PPPA is sparing no effort and will consider adding more resources to the team if necessary.

The PPPA is preparing to move forward in the process. The PPPA will be entertaining general questions from potential consortiums via email only at [info@p3.gov.pr](mailto:info@p3.gov.pr). The PPPA has established a website, [www.p3.gov.pr](http://www.p3.gov.pr), which contains all the information on this and other P3 projects in Puerto Rico.

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