

APPENDIX

EXHIBIT A
NEW JERSEY BUILDING AUTHORITY
PROJECT REPORT

**CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SURFACE PARKING LOT
AT NORTHERN STATE PRISON IN NEWARK, N.J.**

BACKGROUND HISTORY

The project objective is to construct a parking lot of approximately 340 parking spaces at Northern State Prison in Newark, N.J. that will house State-owned "pool fleet" vehicles that are, for the most part, presently parked in private lots and will also be used by other State employees, who presently park in private lots (each within leases or separately contracted-for) in the City of Newark at considerable annual expense to the State. The collapse and/or termination of these leases and along with the creation of the new parking facility would provide considerable cost savings to the State of New Jersey (the "State").

The majority of pool vehicles parked at the Newark parking lots are used by Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services ("DYFS") case workers. Aside from the DYFS cars, there are other State employees parked in Newark parking lots that are tied to other functions and responsibilities that require parking. The construction of the proposed new surface parking lot at Northern State Prison would eliminate the need for the various Newark parking lots and would result in cost savings to the State.

The proposed site is located on State-owned property on the grounds of the Department of Corrections' Northern State Prison facility in the I3 (Third Industrial District) Zone. It consists of primarily undeveloped land and is proposed to be developed into a surface parking lot meeting the minimum requirements of the City of Newark's Zoning Ordinance, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. More specifically, the development area is the easterly area of the six (6) acres of Lot 158 in Block 5088 on the City of Newark Tax Maps and is located at 168 - 354 Frontage Road, Newark, New Jersey.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed improvements include a 160,000± SF parking facility of approximately 340 parking spaces, associated site lighting, site improvements, and an extension for two fire hydrants located within the proposed new parking area. Landscape islands are proposed throughout the parking facility to provide for grassed areas and small ornamental shrubbery. The landscape area along the roadway frontage will also allow for the planting of street trees and low maintenance plants. It is anticipated that there will be an increase of approximately 152,500± SF of impervious area on the site. The additional storm water run-off from the increase in

impervious area will be controlled via a storm water detention basin system that meets required quality and quantity reductions. Preliminary site investigations including geotechnical investigation, storm water calculations, topographic survey, and Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement have been completed and will be supplemented by additional surveys and investigations as required for necessary design and permit approvals. Limited soil remediation and relocation is planned for the site to address a small quantity of contaminated soils found and currently being stored at the site.

The project conceptual plans include photovoltaic powered site lighting which will serve as general illumination throughout the parking area during night time hours. The project will also include security cameras and card access, controlled entrances and exits, guard booths, etc. Additionally, security fencing is planned around the parking lot with security cameras and control devices included to ensure the safety and protection of the State employees and vehicles using the parking area.

PROJECT COST

The total project is estimated to be approximately \$2.5 million. The estimated costs include all essential project components, including but not limited to:

- Professional fees (legal, architectural, engineering, environmental consultants & construction management, etc.)
- Construction of all site related work and improvements
- Compliance with soil remediation and other environmental requirements
- Costs to develop a relocation plan to move the parking from current leased lots to the new parking area
- Construction costs, permits and contingencies

The ultimate costs, however, will depend upon the results of contract bidding following the final design and could be as much as ten to fifteen percent above the project cost estimate. Funding for the project will be provided through Building Authority surplus construction funds. No additional financing is required.

ANNUAL STATE APPROPRIATION

The Building Authority proposes to fund the cost of the project from surplus funds in its construction funds. The surplus resulted from project savings on previous Authority projects. No additional Authority indebtedness is contemplated for this project and hence, no additional State appropriations for debt service attributable to this project are contemplated.

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

This project itself is not expected to generate receipts for the State.

**Resolution of the New Jersey Building Authority approving the Project
Report for the Construction of a new Surface Parking Lot at Northern State
Prison in Newark, N.J.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Building Authority Act, *P.L.* 1981, *c.* 120 as amended, *N.J.S.A.* 52:18A-78.1 *et seq.* (the "Act"), the New Jersey Building Authority (the "Authority") is authorized to undertake "projects" as defined in the Act;

WHEREAS, prior to the Authority undertaking any project whose cost is estimated to exceed \$100,000, the Authority shall comply with the provisions of the Act, including, among other things, the preparation of a project report, the submission of the project report to the Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning for its review and findings, and the submission to the State Legislature of the project report together with the findings of the Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning;

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that, the present facilities being inadequate to support operational needs, it is desirable and in the best interests of the Authority to undertake a project to construct an approximately 160,000 square foot surface parking lot of approximately 340 parking spaces at Northern State Prison in Newark, N.J., to be used by State employees and by "pool fleet" vehicles used employees of the Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services ("DYFS"). The State of New Jersey (the "State") is currently leasing several private parking lots in Newark for use by State employees and by "pool fleet" vehicles used employees of DYFS. After construction of the surface parking lot at Northern State Prison, the State will be able to collapse or terminate these private parking lot leases at considerable cost savings to the State. The surface parking lot is to be located at Northern State Prison in the easterly area of the six (6) acres of Lot 158 in Block 5088 on the City of Newark Tax Maps and is located at 168 - 354 Frontage Road, Newark, N. J. The proposed surface parking lot project at Northern State Prison in Newark is more particularly described in a project report attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof (the "Newark Parking Lot Project Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority will fund the construction of the proposed approximately 160,000 square foot surface parking lot of approximately 340 parking spaces at Northern State Prison in Newark, N.J. through the use of Authority surplus construction funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORITY, THAT,

1. The Authority hereby approves the Newark Parking Lot Project Report.
2. The Authority hereby authorizes its Executive Director to do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in connection with obtaining the required approvals for the Newark Parking Lot Project Report as required by the Act.
3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption in accordance with the Act.



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RE: Project Report for "Construction of a new Surface Parking Lot at Northern State Prison in Newark, New Jersey"

Dear Ms. Molnar:

At its meeting of August 18, 2009, the Authority adopted the Resolution and voted to transmit the Project Report referenced above to the Commission. Attached herewith is a copy of the Resolution and the Project Report. Under the terms of N.J.S.A. 52:18a-78.6, the Commission is to make "findings as to whether the project is necessary and convenient to meet the needs of the State agencies which are to utilize the project is consistent with the State Capital Improvement Plan, and whether it meets the criteria otherwise established by the commission for its approval of State capital projects."

The Authority respectfully requests that consideration of the Project Report be undertaken at the Commission's next meeting scheduled for October 9, 2009. I would appreciate your advising me of the time and location of the meeting so that I may apprise the NJBA Board members and arrange for the client presentation to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Charles Chianese
Executive Director

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NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

RESOLUTION #11-1

Resolution of the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning approving the Project Report for the Construction of a new Surface Parking Lot at Northern State Prison in Newark, N.J.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to The Jersey Building Authority Act, P.L. 1981, c.120, as amended, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-78.1 et seq., (the "Act"), the New Jersey Building Authority (the "Authority") is authorized to undertake "projects" as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, The Authority, prior to undertaking any project whose cost is estimated to exceed \$100,000, shall comply with the provisions of the Act, including the preparation of a project report and the submission of the report to the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning (the "Commission") for its review and findings; and

WHEREAS, The Authority determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of the State to undertake the construction of a new surface parking lot at Northern State Prison; and

WHEREAS, The Authority prepared the "Newark Parking Lot Project Report" on the new surface parking lot at Northern State Prison, approved it by resolution and presented it and the associated materials to the Commission for its review and findings; and

WHEREAS, The Commission finds the new surface parking lot at Northern State Prison to be necessary and convenient to meet the needs of the State and of agencies which are to use the project; and

WHEREAS, The project is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Capital Improvement Plan and meets the criteria established by the commission for its approval of State capital projects; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning:

1. New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning hereby approves the "Newark Parking Lot Project Report."
2. Recommends the "Newark Parking Lot Project Report" to the Governor and the Legislature.

B. Carol Molnar, Esq.

Commission Chairperson

October 23, 2009

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Budget Request

Statement of Assistant Commissioner Amy Cradic

Before the

Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning

October 23, 2009

Good Morning. On behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection, I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to present DEP's capital needs request for Fiscal Year 2011.

After careful deliberation, I am here today to request your consideration of \$183.9 million in capital funding to address some of our most urgent needs that currently do not have alternate funding sources.

These capital needs represent 24.0% of our entire capital budget request; and represent the future funding needs of the Department's environmental infrastructure financing of wastewater treatment facilities and water supply systems, supporting future flood control efforts, including the match to ARRA and HR6 funding, requests for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the State Mosquito Control Commission.

The remainder of our capital request is supported by dedicated resources that sustain shore protection, recreational development in parks, forests and wildlife management areas, and site remediation.

New Jersey's Environmental Infrastructure Financing:

Earlier this morning the Department's staff processed the first ARRA supported payment for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities in West Milford. The success of New Jersey's financing program can easily be seen in the tremendous response the Department received in its call for projects last spring as the economic stimulus efforts were moving forward. New Jersey received 484 project applications that totaled \$2.1 billion. Federal ARRA funding will address approximately 60 projects representing \$213 million in wastewater treatment construction and \$57 million in water supply projects.

Earlier this month, 277 new project sponsors not funded through this year economic stimulus efforts submitted planning documents for the 2010 financing, which represents our Fiscal Year 2011 budget request, totaling over \$1.5 billion. Non-stimulus federal funding for this program is anticipated to be set at \$26.7 million in 2010. The funding from capital funds identified in our request for the Municipal Wastewater Assistance and Water Supply not only represents the state match to this program, but is needed to support the overwhelming response.

Shore Protection

New Jersey's Shore Protection program remains viable with the annual dedication of \$25 million. That funding, coupled with Federal and local support, has been and will continue to be critical to the State's efforts to protect our coastline and to support the tourism industry.

Over the course of the past calendar year, Department-sponsored beach construction was completed in Strathmere, Sea Isle City and on the Bayonne Harbor bulkhead. DEP participated with the US Army Corps of Engineers in the continuing construction of the North Wildwood seawall (anticipated completion December 2009).

Corps construction, with DEP participation, will begin in Harvey Cedars in November 2009 and is scheduled to begin in Ocean City in January 2010. DEP is preparing for a November 2009 beach construction without federal sponsorship in Stone Harbor and on the Fortesque State Marina bulkhead in January 2010.

Our Fiscal Year 2011 Capital request focuses on beachfill projects that cover Absecon Island, Long Beach Island and Port Monmouth.

As in the past, our request for dedicated shore protection funds will be used in large part to leverage approximately \$31 million in federal funds.

Flood Control

The Flood Control projects contained in our request includes funding required as the State's match to Federal HR-6 projects. Specifically, \$14.6 million in state funds will leverage \$37.1 million in federal funds. Major projects to be continued in Fiscal Year 2011 include the continued matching requirements of Green Brook, South River, Saddle River and Passaic River at Harrison. It is important to note the federal ARRA monies appropriated to the Corps of Engineers last February is supporting \$20 million in construction costs over the next two year. Our match must be available to continue these efforts. Included in our request is funding necessary to support the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission's management and operation of the first completed federal flood control facility on the Ramapo River, including the floodgate at Oakland, which protects Oakland upstream of the dam.

Dredging

Our Fiscal Year 2011 request also includes \$4 million in capital monies needed to maintain New Jersey's navigational channels along the Intercoastal Waterway. The funds will serve to eliminate the hazards of shoaling and the lack of regular routine maintenance dredging.

We have also requested \$2 million for the removal of large structural debris as part of the harbor cleanup process to protect navigation and decrease shoreline hazards.

Site Remediation

Our Fiscal Year 2011 capital needs for Site Remediation include \$84.8 million in funds to continue ongoing remediation projects, water line replacements, operation and maintenance (O&M) and closure of sanitary landfills. Offsetting part of these needs, we anticipate federal participation from the Superfund Program at a level of \$10 million and \$45.5 million from the CBT dedication. To date, the availability of the dedicated CBT funds for cleanups has allowed the State to avoid the issuance of bonds in the last ten years.

Palisades Interstate Park Commission

Requests on behalf of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission are included at a level of \$5.2 million. Specifically, the Commission is seeking \$1.15 million for Recreation Development (i.e., Shoreline and Public Access); \$3.65 million for Road Improvements (i.e., Henry Hudson Drive-Paving Drainage) and \$400,000 for Historic Preservation.

State Mosquito Control Commission

The State Mosquito Control Commission is requesting approximately \$890,450 for the replacement of heavy equipment used by county mosquito control commissions and \$167,000 for open-marsh water management projects at the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

Currently, there are 130 pieces of equipment in the inventory, however, many are non-capital laboratory and surveillance items; some are insecticide application machines. Of the remaining, there are 30 pieces assigned throughout the state that would qualify as capital equipment {value of \$50,000 and above}. The range of age of capital mosquito control equipment requested for replacement is 22 to 38 years, and the annual budget for repairs is \$100,000. Much of this equipment is dedicated to projects involving state or federally-owned land. Equipment is moved from county-to-county based on project length, which is often for years. Equipment is never stored or taken out-of-service and idle.

Recreational Development

In 2008, more than 18.5 million visitors attended and utilized the State Park System.

Recreational opportunities are provided at 42 State parks, 11 State forests, 3 recreation areas and golf courses, 118 wildlife management areas, 43 natural areas and more than 50 historic sites and districts. These areas encompass approximately 712,000 acres of New Jersey. In all, the Department is responsible for over 1,900 structures.

As you know, in 2006 the voters approved a Constitutional Amendment ensuring stable funding to expand recreational opportunities in our parks and wildlife management areas and address deferred maintenance of our facilities. This amendment dramatically changed the Department's capital request.

We continue to improve fishing and boating access statewide that complies with the Americans with Disability Act, as well as deteriorated public sanitary facilities, campgrounds and historic sites throughout our State Park system.

In prioritizing the dedicated capital funds, the Department is focusing on green design to create energy-efficient facilities and buildings, whether new or existing.

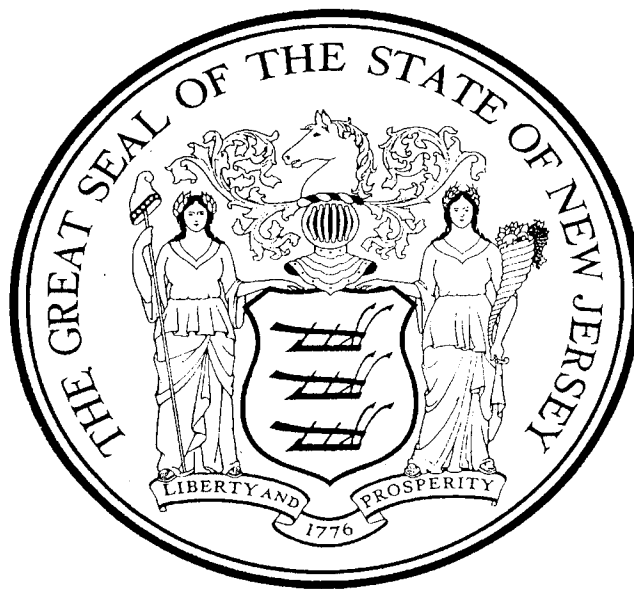
The Department released a bid to conduct a statewide energy audit on a significant number of its more than 1,900 buildings, prioritizing those facilities with high utility costs. In coordination with the Department of Treasury, the Department released the bid in June 2009. The audit was launched in August 2009, with a report recommending energy saving improvements to facilities anticipated in December 2009.

Any new facilities, such as cabins, will be designed to use recycled water for toilets and solar panels will be installed for hot water. Approximately \$2 million will be expended this fiscal year to implement the first round of energy improvement recommendations identified in the audit.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your time. We are available to answer any of your questions.

Department of Law and Public Safety
FY 2011 Capital Budget Testimony

October 23, 2009



Daniel W. Foster
ADMINISTRATOR

Good morning, Chairwoman Molnar, Executive Director Vari and members of the Capital Budget and Planning Commission.

On behalf of Attorney General Milgram, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to present the Department of Law and Public Safety's FY 2011 capital budget initiatives. By way of introduction, I am Daniel Foster, the Administrator of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

I would like to thank the members of the Capital Commission for your generous support of our projects in FY 2010. As you may be aware, the Capital Commission's recommendations for funding the Department's initiatives were cut during the appropriation process to balance out this year's state budget. This cut impacts the requests we bring forward to you today.

The Department has explored the possibility of receiving federal stimulus funding for the Department's energy efficiency projects, which included bio-diesel generators, solar photovoltaic panels, high tension service and window replacement at the Totowa Station. None of the Department's energy efficiency projects were selected.

Although we realize that several Departments within the State are up against similar challenges with regards to limited resources, aging equipment and failing infrastructure, the Department of Law and Public Safety and its mission to protect and serve the citizens of New Jersey is compromised with the passage of time and our inability to address these critical needs.

As in the past years, the Department comes to the Capital Commission once again for your support. I would like to take this opportunity to describe for you just how critical the present need is and ask that you, again, consider funding for capital improvements within Law and Public Safety.

Electrical upgrades are our number one priority. Generators for Division Headquarters/Buildings 15 and 6 are still needed, as are the electrical upgrades for 4 patrol stations. The generator at Building 6 is more than 70 years old and is far beyond its life span. The State Police's radio system emergency back-up generators, that are more than 20 years old, also need to be replaced.

Critical repairs also remains one of the top priorities and is our second priority this year. Critical repairs for Totowa Headquarters in Troop "B" include new windows that are failing and new exterior panels that are rusting from the inside out. Totowa Headquarters also needs an upgrade to its electrical system to replace its uninterruptible power supply, which could render communications and computer aided dispatch inoperable in a power outage.

Specialized equipment is required for the State Toxicology Lab, specifically, a tool known as a Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry for the in-depth analysis of the more than 6,000 biological specimens submitted annually to the lab in the course of investigations. The Northern Regional Medical Examiner's Office also needs to replace its antiquated x-ray system with a digital x-ray system that would be used in daily operations, as well as in mobile operations in the event of a mass casualty disaster. A digital x-ray system would both speed the processing of cases and help to ensure accuracy in the autopsy room and reporting.

The Northern Regional Medical Examiner's Office is also in desperate need of a new generator to replace the current unit that is more than 26 years old. The current unit's motor is actually a diesel-fired, modified farm tractor engine that was installed when the facility was originally constructed. Due to its age and condition, it cannot support the power requirements for this operation. This facility serves as the largest morgue in the State, conducting more than 5,000 death investigations and 1,300 autopsies annually.

The structural integrity of the bulkhead at the State Police Point Pleasant Marine Station also needs to be repaired. We were grateful that Executive Director Vari took the opportunity this past summer to witness first-hand the poor condition of this deteriorated bulkhead and to understand its function to protect this critical asset within the Marine Services Bureau. This station represents the sole regional facility for providing maintenance and repair services to the boat fleet.

The State Police is also requesting funding to support various paving projects for several State Police parking lots throughout the State that have deteriorated beyond the point of repair.

The antiquated telephone system throughout several State Police buildings, specifically, nine patrol stations and two confidential investigative offices need to be upgraded. The current systems installed at these locations are obsolete and are no longer supported by the manufacturer's maintenance program. This has caused lengthy disruptions in phone service, creating a potentially dangerous situation where New Jersey citizens could not contact these stations during an emergency.

Many of these requests may be familiar to you from last years' testimony. Unfortunately, with the passage of time, poor conditions have worsened and the cost of repairs or replacements has risen.

Now, more than ever, we realize that our duties and responsibilities must be carried out and tempered with fiscal prudence; however, we must not allow this current fiscal climate to deter us from moving forward with, what ultimately, are sound business decisions required to remedy these situations.

The needs I have briefly outlined here today are vital to the ongoing operations and success of the Department of Law and Public Safety. I can assure you we will continue to look for alternative funding

possibilities, for example, we are looking into any coastal fund balances from the Department of Environmental Protection, especially at this time as funding is tight. We are also looking closely at any available federal dollars.

I will be glad to answer any questions you may have, and thank you again for your time.

COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

Testimony of Judge Glenn A. Grant, Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Thank you for this opportunity to discuss the Judiciary's capital budget priorities for FY 2011. This year our appearance before this committee is unlike any in recent memory, because—together-- we face an economy unlike any in recent memory. In the past, we have spoken to you about our most pressing needs involving information technology. Those needs continue and we continue our efforts to ensure that our information technology systems remain viable. As you know, our computer systems support the work of the entire statewide judiciary with more than 1 million cases, the entire statewide municipal court system with more than 6 million cases, the New Jersey State Police, local police departments, the Motor Vehicle Commission and more.

But we are keenly aware of the need to prioritize as never before. We are not placing our current IT needs of nearly \$26 million before you today. Discussions about technology will have to wait for sometime in future.

However, before I leave that topic, I would like to bring to your attention a special committee commissioned by Chief Justice Rabner that was asked to look at e-filing as an immediate solution for managing cases more efficiently and reducing both the storage cost and environmental impact of the tons of paperwork associated with court cases. In addition, e-filing will allow the courts to move into electronic access to certain case information and to provide other necessary functions of our court system in the 21st century. The special committee has made its report to the Supreme Court and we have posted it on our Web site, along with a request for public comment.

As you may be aware, I and other administrative directors before me have spoken to the Capital Budget Commission about the conversion of our computer systems from old technology to new. We have made enormous progress. The underlying technology of all of our major case management systems have been converted successfully and are in operation. Now we are well-placed to rely on our new systems that will carry us well into the future as industry support for our old systems discontinues.

The work to accomplish the conversion of our data bases, all of the money we have spent, all the training, all the system updates have been laying the foundation for the e-filing initiative. When the Court has reviewed the public comments about the special committee's report and is prepared to move forward, we must be ready to go. To prepare, we already have turned our attention to web browser technology so that all Judiciary personnel and judges will be prepared. So, while today I will not focus on capital funds for technology, I know that in the very near future we will be requesting funding to launch our electronic filing and document management system.

Again, we understand the fiscal posture of our state, but I think I would be remiss if I did not advise you now of the long-term implications to the judiciary if we are unable to identify funding sources to address this very important initiative.

To prepare to meet with you today, I have worked with judges and staff to strip our request down to three critical and essential projects we must address in FY 2011 for the health and safety of our workforce and for court visitors.

First, I want to describe the \$2.59 million project going on for the Gloucester County Justice Complex additions and renovations. The county freeholders have authorized new, expanded Justice Complex facilities and the construction is underway. While the county undertakes the cost of the facilities, the Judiciary is responsible for costs incurred to outfit and furnish the space for staff in the expanded court space. Please be assured that before we look to purchase anything new, we will reuse every piece of furniture we can, from what is in the courthouse now to what we might find in the state's supply of surplus office equipment. This is our usual practice, but reusing furnishings will not meet the full demand of the new space.

Therefore, we make this request to address those furnishings we cannot redeploy for use in the new complex, but must purchase new. We need the necessary work stations and other requirements in eight new courtrooms, new hearing rooms, the renovation of four existing courtrooms, and the installation of appropriate technology infrastructure. The justice complex was sorely in need of expansion and renovation to maximize delivery of services to more than 60,000 litigants, 10,000 jurors, plus judges, attorneys, and other visitors. We ask for your favorable consideration for us to fulfill our part of this project. The cost breakdown for is \$2,094,000 for furnishings and \$496,500 for hardware.

The next project is part of one that has made the news repeatedly in recent years. The Mercer County Criminal Courthouse has become not just obsolete, but a safety hazard. Reports of collapsing staircases, falling ceilings and other such stories have been addressed by the Mercer County executive with plans for a new criminal courthouse. Progress has begun and, again, we must be ready to do our part to have functioning office space when the new county funded courthouse is ready for us to move in.

To that end, we are requesting \$451,000 in capital money to purchase the new telephone system that is required as part of the fittings for the construction of the new Mercer County Criminal Courthouse. As part of this installation, new compatible telephone services will be extended to the Mercer Courthouse Annex and to the Civil Courthouse to ensure connectivity and interoperability. This system will provide telephone services to 370 vicinage staff and support more than 2 million phone calls annually.

And finally, I must describe the needs of the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex. Housed in the complex are the administrative office of the courts; chambers for justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Tax Court and judges of the Appellate Division; the clerks' offices for the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division, the Superior Court and the

Tax Court, as well as various executive branch offices. Over the past few years we have been able to update and repair many of our offices, but we have more to do and the situation is becoming critical.

Today we are requesting \$850,000 to complete the final phases of the critical initiative to replace deteriorating, obsolete furniture and partition structures to eliminate existing safety hazards and to create more useable and cost-efficient space for 110 Judiciary staff in the Superior Court clerk's offices. This project provides for modular workstations that meet safety and space allocation standards. It also addresses necessary corrections of dangerous electrical circuits. Since the complex was built more than 25 years ago, the growth of automated and electronic systems has resulted in dangerous overloading of electrical and cable systems. Capacity is simply inadequate to handle the requirements of today's Judiciary. The clerk's office serves more than 7,000 litigants and attorneys who visit to conduct court business every year and manages millions of court records.

All of this adds up to a request today for about \$3.9 million in capital funds. We appreciate the difficulty of the task before you and are extremely sensitive to the needs of New Jersey residents who are relying on the state to conserve funds and limit spending.

In an ideal world, we would not be here today, but that was not an option for us. The health and safety needs of all those who come into these three building –the Gloucester County Courts, the Mercer County Courts and the Hughes Justice Complex no longer can be put off.

I am happy to answer your questions.