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Hon. Dan McCoy
County Executive
Albany County
112 State Street, Room 900
Albany, NY 12207

Re: CDYCI Lease Extension for Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility

Dear County Executive McCoy:

The Capital District Youth Center, Inc (CDYCI), requests a fifteen-year extension to its existing lease related to the Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility (CDJSDF). This extension is required to secure financing through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) that will fund a variety of facility improvements required by the "Raise the Age" law in addition to a facility expansion necessitated by the increased demand for bed space.

Local Laws 2 and 3 for 1996, adopted by the Albany County Legislature, authorize the Legislature to extend property and ground leases for up to twenty-five years via resolution.

CDYCI administers the CDJSDF which is owned by Albany County. CDYCI was created for that purpose and is governed by appointees from Albany, Rensselaer Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties. The facility is operated by Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth. The existing facility includes three, eight and thirteen-bed dorms for a total capacity of 24 beds.

The project is 89% funded by New York State with the remaining 11% shared among the counties which comprise CDYCI. There will be four (4) separate additions including a secured housing wing providing (12) additional beds (two 6 unit areas) and supporting program; an exam room to serve a relocated nurse's suite; a vehicle sallyport which will expand and provide sufficient space for intake procedures; and an addition off the main entrance to house additional administrative space including a large conference and training/break room. This addition will also provide proper space for visitation; branching off the main entry sallyport which shall remain in use during construction.

Interior improvements include relocation of the medial services area; adding four (4) additional bedrooms to dorm A and eliminating a bedroom in dorm C, bringing the total capacity up to 39 beds; converting the current medical unit into a classroom; installing a fire suppression system; replacing bedroom doors and adding additional secure access/egress from housing units; adding a full coverage security camera system; and upgrading central control unit which controls access and egress throughout the facility.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Castiglione, AICP
Chief Administrator

Cc: CDYCI Board