

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Caddo Parish (County) is currently 18 months into the process of planning and constructing a new detention facility for our community. At this juncture, the design phase is almost completed. To date, all aspects of the project have met or exceeded our expectations. This has not happened by accident.

In a joint effort, the Caddo Parish Commission and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office committed to a systematic and planned approach toward making a new jail facility a reality. The key part of our strategy would involve conducting a correctional facilities master plan. The results of the plan would be delivered to the architectural firm for their use.

The Caddo Parish Commission contracted with the Institute for Law and Policy Planning out of Berkeley, CA, to provide the parish with a needs assessment, master plan, and pre-architectural program. Dr. Alan Kalmanoff, Executive Director of ILPP spear-headed the project. Dr. Kalmanoff along with Mike Mc Namara, consulting architect, quickly developed a relationship with key system players and were always available to help guide us through this complicated but necessary process.

The Caddo Parish taxpayers have set aside 31 million dollars to construct a new detention facility. The \$57,000 contact fee for ILPP has been the essential ingredient for making those public construction dollars well spent. Accordingly, and without reservation, I recommend the expertise and professionalism of the Institute for Law and Policy Planning.

Sincerely,



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