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Mr. Clayton Wilder
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Re: Florida Department of Law Enforcement Application 2010-ARRC-111
Manatee County Property Management Renovation for MSO Juvenile Process Center

Dear Mr. Wilder:

Manatee County has concluded that the Project listed above should be undertaken using 2009 American Recovery Act funding from FDLE. Use of the funds has been found to be beneficial to the tax-payer. The primary factor contributing to this view is that the expense of building a new building greatly outweighs the cost of remodeling an existing structure. Because the current double-wide trailer used by the program is inadequate, and the building chosen can accommodate the program with some construction, the project has the support of the local Public Safety Coordinating Council. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners then approved it as a suitable project for funding.

Description of the Investment: There is an existing concrete structure located near the current MSO Juvenile Process Center than can be adapted and used to house the activities of juvenile processing and booking. All funds would be used to renovate one specific structure. The building in question is located at 421 17th Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205. The building is currently vacant, owned by Manatee County. The investment will create adequate space and increase the level of secure detention for those persons brought to the facility.

Estimated total cost: \$205,000. Funds will be used for contractual services relating to the roof (approximately \$20,000) and interior changes to the building (\$185,000). All contractual purchases will be provided through a competitive bid process and will comply to all conditions set forward for receipt of Recovery Act funding.

Amount of Recovery Act funds to be used: \$205,000

At this time, I certify that the infrastructure investment has received the full vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure is an appropriate use of taxpayer's dollars.

Sincerely,

Donna G. Hayes
Chairman

Board of County Commissioners

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