



## Dakota County Law Enforcement Center Hastings, Minnesota



Phase I of the Dakota County Law Enforcement Center master plan is the first step in a 25-year plan to bring the jail bed and core capacity from 235 to 850 beds. Phase I components include intake, vehicle sallyport, food service, laundry, health services, and 25 new beds.

The master plan keeps the Jail at its current location to maximize the use of the existing facility and retain a secure connection to the courts.

The approach accepted by Dakota County had these key elements:

- The projection of the long-range facility needs.
- A flexible implementation strategy that can be adjusted to meet changing conditions.
- A phased approach to meeting space needs.
- An implementation strategy that takes advantage of the market and availability of rental beds.
- An implementation strategy that can easily be transferred to other jurisdictions.
- A plan that was low cost and used of readily available technology and expertise.
- Housing units that maximize the number of inmates supervised by an officer.

Voorhis Associates, Inc. developed a master plan which analyzed jail trends, profiled the inmate population and projected multiple scenarios for future bed space capacity. Eight options were developed in association with the architect.

We developed a pre-architectural program that included a description of critical operating issues, a list of rooms with brief descriptions and square footage requirements and relationship diagrams.

We also assisted the architect in translating the program into an effective design.



*Beds:*  
235

*Estimated Cost:*  
\$10,170,000

*Completion Date:*  
In Progress



The National Association of Counties awarded Dakota County, Minnesota the 2006 Achievement Award for the Dakota County Law Enforcement Master Plan.



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