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## Press Release **Cerro Gordo County planning new law enforcement center**

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Project Location:  
**Cerro Gordo County Law**  
**Enforcement Complex**  
Address  
**Mason City, IA 50401-3254**

Projected Completion Date:  
**2007**

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**April 17, 2006, MASON CITY, IA**—A new 72,000 square foot law enforcement center will be constructed near Mason City next year.

This proposed facility includes a new jail, sheriff's offices, courts, and law enforcement and jail support spaces. The facility will accommodate 140 inmates, classified as male and female general population, maximum security, special status, and work release.

Space also includes dayrooms and large exercise areas, and jail support spaces including a commercial kitchen, multi-purpose rooms, jail staff areas, and space for inmate visitation.

The heart of the jail contains a large central control room equipped with state-of-the-art security systems, video monitoring, video visitation, and building environmental system controls. The facility also contains a video courtroom for conducting proceedings between inmates and their attorneys with a presiding judge in a remote off-site location. A full courtroom rounds out the facility program, and includes judge's chambers, a court reporter's office, conference rooms and a jury room.

The facility will be located on a large county-owned site outside of Mason City, with circulation patterns designed to accommodate separations between the public and inmates, both on site and within the facility. Planning will be completed and documents will be issued for bidding in mid-May of this year.

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