

429.4 Pima County Office of Medical Examiner Expansion

Location: 2825 E. District – Kino Medical Campus at Ajo and Country Club.

Scope: To include a new facility or a complete renovation and expansion of the existing facility, for the Office of the Medical Examiner at the Kino Campus; with six (6) complete autopsy stations, refrigerated storage for a minimum of 300 remains, anthropology and special procedures suite, advanced imaging technology (CT or LODOX Scanning and Digital Radiography) and all associated support spaces. The facility will include a separate visitor entrance and waiting area with public restrooms and meeting and deposition areas. There will also be an administration area to support the County Medical Examiner and his staff and state-of-the-art and energy efficient mechanical and electrical systems.

Benefits: The Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner is a regional facility providing autopsy and death investigation services to Pima and 10 surrounding counties. The current facility has outgrown its' capacity and is severely outdated and inadequate. A new facility will update technology, correct problems of capacity and safety as well as allow growth into the foreseeable future.

Total Cost Estimate: \$20,000,000

Bond Funding Estimate: \$15,000,000

Other Funding Estimate: \$5,000,000 from grant funding or County General Fund

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: Planning and design at \$3,000,000, construction at \$17,000,000

Implementation Periods: 5, 6

Project Schedule by Major Task: Planning and design at 12 to 14 months, construction at 16 to 20 months (including 2 separate phases of construction).

Project Manager: Pima County

Operator: Pima County

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Total additional increase in annual operating and maintenance would be \$176,000 for one additional full time equivalent employee and increased utilities and maintenance costs from the General Fund.

Regional Benefits: The Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner is truly a regional facility providing autopsy and death investigation services to Pima and 10 surrounding counties. It is also the regional receiver of the remains of border crossers who perish in the desert while crossing into the US, which often includes long term storage as identification, disposition and repatriation of remains is a difficult process.