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**NJDOC HIRES CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH RELOCATION OF EDNA MAHAN
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

Dec. 14, 2021 -- Trenton, New Jersey – The New Jersey Department of Corrections enlisted world-renowned correctional planning and design consultant specializing in justice facility planning, Steve Carter of CGL Services, to assist with the relocation of Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, following Governor Murphy's directive to close the facility located in Clinton, New Jersey.

The identification of a new facility consists of a three-phase approach that includes:

1. Aligning with internal stakeholders on a shared vision for a purpose-driven facility that considers industry best practices, environmental and programming needs and ensures a central location for visiting families;
2. Reviewing existing prison facilities to determine if the New Jersey Department of Corrections can retrofit infrastructure to meet the aligned vision or partner with the New Jersey Department of Treasury to identify alternative vacant facilities; and,
3. Obtaining input from external stakeholders, including legislators, advocacy groups, current and formerly incarcerated people and impacted communities.

"We are excited to be working with Steve Carter, who brings a wealth of experience creating thoughtful infrastructure designs for justice-involved women," said NJDOC Acting Commissioner Victoria L. Kuhn, Esq. "His work speaks for itself, taking into account programmatic needs including social service support and proximity to family while engendering a safety-centric environment for both the women and greater community. This process represents a significant transformative step forward with a clean slate that allows us to take into account the evolving needs of this generation of incarcerated women."

“From an operational and design viewpoint, correctional environments for women must embrace the unique needs of the female population,” said Steve Carter of CGL Services. “Our evaluation of existing correctional facilities will initially examine the ability to adapt, and potentially expand, selected prisons to accommodate these needs with an eye towards an ultimate purpose-built women’s correctional center.”

With over 40 years of expertise providing planning, design, management, and maintenance solutions to the criminal justice market, CGL works with local state, national and international communities to create efficient systems and facilities that improve and strengthen the communities served, leveraging industry best practices.

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