

## **Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Selected for Phase II of Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff Office's Intake Processing Center and Detention Housing**

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects (STBA), along with Grace and Hebert Architects (GHA) of Baton Rouge, have been selected as architects for Phase II of Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office (OPCSP) facilities - including the new Intake Processing Center (IPC) and Detention Housing for 1,500 inmates.

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects will be the project manager on the two new facilities that will cost an estimated \$60 million. Grace and Hebert will serve as the security specialist for the project. Design work on the project has already begun, with construction bids expected to be solicited in the summer of 2010.

The new buildings are being constructed to replace existing structures, heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Funding for the project is being provided by FEMA.

Since Hurricane Katrina, STBA has worked closely with OPCSO to repair and/or rebuild approximately 20 of its facilities on campus.

STBA is the lead architect for Phase I of the master plan for the criminal justice complex. That phase includes a new campus Kitchen, Warehouse and Central Plant with an estimated total cost of also approximately \$60 million. GHA is the associate firm on this project. Bid documents for Phase I will be issued in approximately 45 days, with projected completion in the fall of 2012.

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects has extensive experience in municipal and governmental design. The firm is currently architect for new Slidell Municipal Complex and Auditorium, and has previously designed the Louisiana DOTD Traffic Management Center, the Jefferson Parish General Governmental Complex in Gretna, the Jefferson Parish 911/EOC, renovations to the Orleans Parish Criminal Courts, renovations to the St. Charles Parish Courthouse, renovations to the St. John Parish Correctional facility, and renovations to the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts.

GHA's previous security experience includes the Bossier Parish Maximum Security Jail, the Shreveport City Jail and numerous state prison facility buildings.