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**Illinois Department of Corrections and Illinois Capital Development Board
Announce Construction Management & Owner's Advisor Team for
Correctional Facility Rebuild Initiative**

Chicago – Today, the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) announced the selection of the Vanir/Milhouse Joint Venture (JV) team as the Construction Management & Owner's Advisor for 'RISE IDOC: Rehabilitation and Restoration Inside Safe Environments' – an initiative to transform Stateville and Logan correctional centers. Vanir Construction Management, Inc., a national leader in corrections and public infrastructure projects, and Milhouse Engineering & Construction, Inc., a Chicago-based engineering and construction services firm with extensive experience, will collaborate with IDOC and CDB on these transformative correctional facilities.

RISE IDOC is Illinois' effort to create future-focused correctional facilities designed to improve security, expand opportunities for vocational training and re-entry, and promote therapeutic environments that support safer communities and lower recidivism. It aims to reimagine the future of correctional settings, transforming some of Illinois' oldest facilities, Stateville Correctional Center and Logan Correctional Center. Stateville, built in 1925, and Logan, which includes buildings dating back to the 1930s, have endured decades of deferred maintenance and operational inefficiencies, leaving them in dire condition due to significant deterioration. Through RISE IDOC, Illinois will design and construct modern facilities that integrate rehabilitative design principles, employ evidence-based therapeutic practices, and support re-entry. The new infrastructure will prioritize rehabilitation, enhance safety, and create environments better suited to the Department's mission today and in the future.

"RISE IDOC is an exciting opportunity to reimagine correctional infrastructure to better serve individuals in custody, staff, and the communities of Illinois", said **the Illinois Department of Corrections Director, Latoya Hughes**. "Our goal is to create spaces that prioritize rehabilitation, re-entry, and wellness while enhancing safety and operational efficiency. We thank the Governor for taking this bold step toward modernization and look forward to collaborating with Vanir/Milhouse, CDB, and all stakeholders throughout the

planning and design process to ensure the future of these facilities is shaped to reflect the needs and perspectives of everyone involved.”

RISE IDOC is a critical step in modernizing Illinois’ correctional infrastructure. While the site locations and design are not finalized, the new facilities will prioritize rehabilitation, support wellness for staff, and address aging infrastructure in a fiscally responsible way, creating environments that foster growth, safety, and align with IDOC’s mission. Additionally, the project is expected to create a significant economic impact through job creation during the design, construction, and operational stages of the project.

“The selection of the Vanir/Milhouse JV team ensures this impactful project will benefit from the industry expertise it deserves,” **said the Illinois Capital Development Board Executive Director, TJ Edwards.** “CDB is proud to lead this effort alongside IDOC, advancing a commitment to progress, safety, and rehabilitation.”

As the Construction Management & Owner’s Advisor, the Vanir/Milhouse JV will oversee and coordinate the design and construction phases of the new facilities. The team will advise on project delivery methods that are tailored to different scopes of work. CDB and the Vanir/Milhouse JV will work closely to create a roadmap for the project.

In the coming months, the team will facilitate virtual and in-person outreach efforts to engage vendors and community members, promoting diversity and inclusion throughout the project lifecycle.

This project marks a significant shift toward restorative justice in Illinois’ correctional system. By incorporating modern design principles and rehabilitative programming, the project aims to reduce recidivism and support the successful reintegration of individuals into society.

For more information about RISE IDOC, please visit the [IDOC’s website](#).

About the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB)

The Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) oversees the construction of new state facilities, such as prisons, state parks, mental health institutions, and college and university projects. In addition, CDB is responsible for renovation and rehabilitation projects at over 8,770 state-owned buildings spread over more than 100 million square feet of floor space.

About the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC)

The Illinois Department of Corrections’ mission is to serve justice in Illinois and increase public safety by promoting positive change for those in custody, operating successful reentry programs, and reducing victimization.

About Vanir Construction Management, Inc.

Vanir Construction Management, Inc. is a national leader in providing comprehensive construction management services for public and private sector clients. With a commitment to delivering high-quality projects on time and

within budget, Vanir has successfully managed numerous large-scale infrastructure projects across the United States.

About Milhouse Engineering & Construction, Inc.

Milhouse Engineering & Construction, Inc. is a full-service engineering and construction firm based in Chicago. Specializing in providing innovative solutions across various sectors, including transportation, utilities, and public infrastructure, Milhouse is dedicated to delivering projects that enhance community development and sustainability.