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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. *April 23, 2004* -- Mayor John Peyton announced today the results of the best practices and audit report from Global Performance, an outside consultant whom he asked to review the project in February. Global Performance and their team reviewed the project's time schedule, costs, project management plan and project management team.

Mayor Peyton also announced a three point plan for moving forward with the Duval County Courthouse project.

- **Reorganization and Streamlining of Project Team – Jacobs Facilities, Inc. will no longer be the program manager on the project. This will become effective May 26, 2004. The duties performed by Jacobs will be distributed among other members of the project team.**
- **The completion date of the project has been re-set to December 2007.**
- **Moving forward with bids for subcontractors to the project have been delayed temporarily while the project team works on a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project, including exhaustive value engineering, re-design opportunities, management structure and implementation procedures. All these efforts lead to the establishment of the guaranteed maximum price of the project.**

The cost of the project will, under no circumstances, exceed \$232 million.

“Today I am taking necessary and appropriate steps to streamline and better organize the construction of the Duval County Courthouse,” said Mayor Peyton. “While I am announcing some adjustments today, one thing will not change and that is the total cost which will remain at \$232 million. Some of the steps we are taking today will allow this project to come in on budget and we will have a county courthouse that meets the needs of our community.”

NOTE: Copies of the Global Performance Best Practices and Audit report are available at the Mayor's Office.

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