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Purchasing Department **FAX:** 318-2629

ATTN: Juan Tapia

PROJECT: Proposed Law Library

FROM: George Garcia

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MESSAGE: Attached is copy of AGADC correspondencesent to Mrs. Salazar 9-21-06.

Martha Salazar

From: Edo [edo@agadc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 8:02 AM
To: martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us
Subject: Law Library

November 21, 2006

Dear Ms. Salazar,

Re: Law Library

Per your request we have compiled a preliminary time line for the proposed law library being considered for construction within the Administration Building Atrium.

1.	Schematic Design Phase:	2 weeks
	Review by Owner and User Group	1 week
2.	Design Development Phase:	2 weeks
	Review by Owner and User Group	1 week
3.	Construction Document Phase	8 weeks
4.	Advertisement for Bids	4 weeks
5.	Review of Bids	1 week
6.	Award of Construction Contract	4 weeks
7.	Construction Phase	15 weeks
	Total	38 weeks

We anticipate the renovation/remodel of the atrium area construction cost to be approximately \$185,000. A/E fee is estimated at \$18,500.00.

In considering the above time and cost please also be advised the area for the library will require the construction of false beams and other such means to allow the installation of A/C ducts, electrical lines, communication lines, and fire sprinkler system. Therefore, the new construction would be for long term use and returning the atrium to its present state would be costly.

An additional concern is the aesthetics of the atrium. This space is now an important part of the building. Besides providing an easy access to other parts of the building, the atrium is a feature that is worth keeping intact. The atrium can be further enhanced by adding benches and decorative features.

We have looked at the possibility of using the Northwest area of the first floor for the Proposed

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Law Library. This space is currently occupied by the Tax Office (by escalator). Once vacated, this area would be simpler and less costly to modify. Also, the area is larger than the space available at the atrium and provides more flexibility in the layout for the library. Please advise if this is an option worth considering.

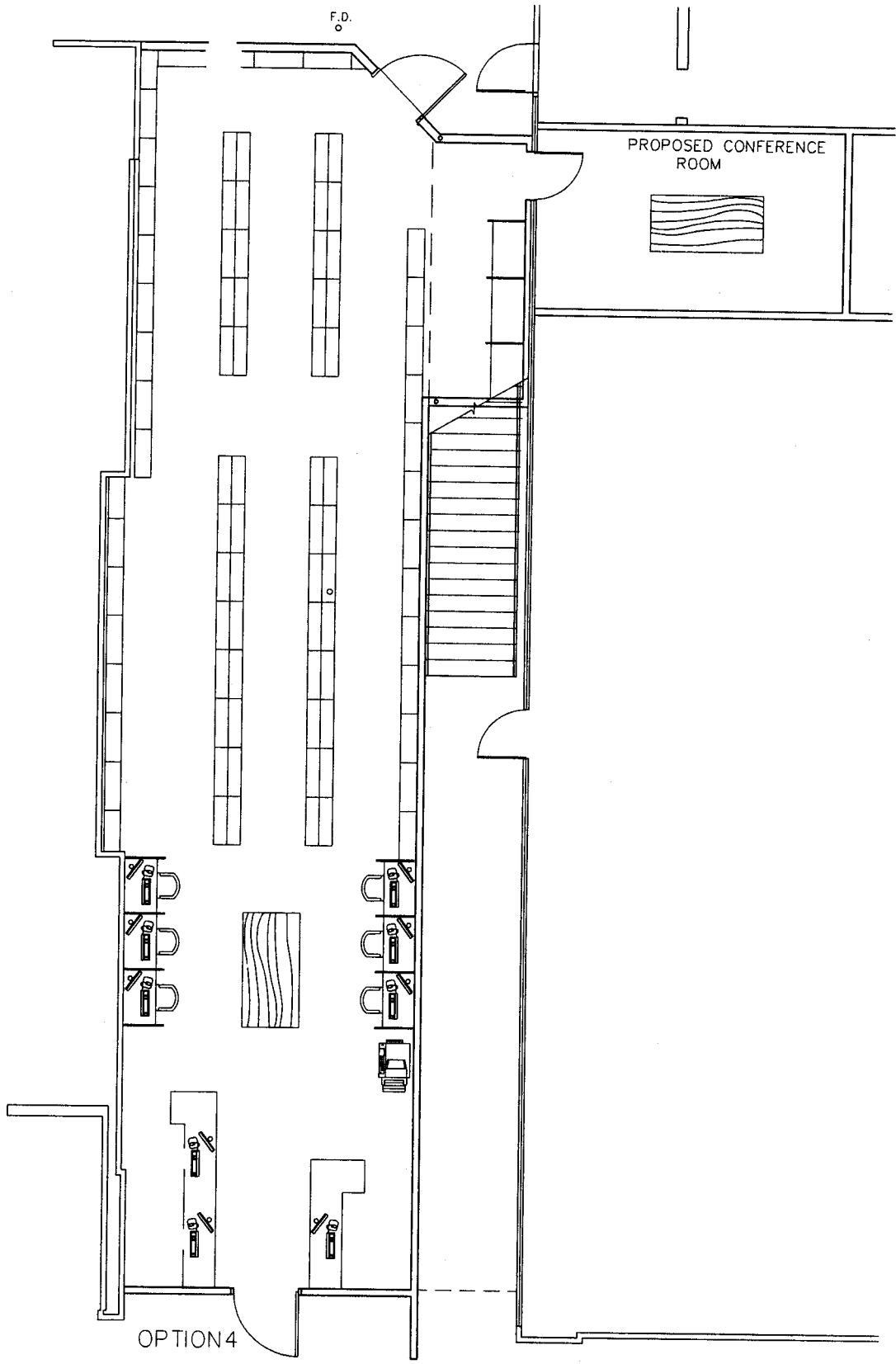


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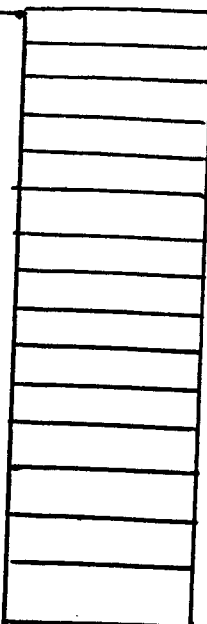
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ATRIUM

TOTAL SQUARE FT.

1425



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LAW LIBRARY

TOTAL SQUARE FT.

1692

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