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## **Groundbreaking: Old Solano Courthouse Renovation**

**What:** A groundbreaking ceremony will commemorate the long-awaited start of renovations to the Old Solano Courthouse for the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, in Fairfield.

**Who:** The ceremony will include remarks by California Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Presiding Judge Paul L. Beeman, California State Senators Lois Wolk and Noreen Evans, California State Assemblyman Jim Frazier, and Solano County Board of Supervisors Chair Linda Seifert.

**When:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 3–4 p.m.

**Where:** Old Solano Courthouse Stairs, 580 West Texas Street, Fairfield, CA

**Why:** The event celebrates the culmination of more than 11 years of planning for renovations to the Old Solano Courthouse. Designed by architect E.C. Hemmings, the historic courthouse is considered an outstanding example of Beaux Arts architecture, with its flat roof and expansive exterior colonnades. The 1911 building served as a functioning courthouse until the 1970s, but has been vacant since 2005. The renovation will restore the historic building with complete seismic, mechanical, electrical, life safety, plumbing, telecommunications, and accessibility upgrades. The San Francisco-based architectural firm of Hornberger + Worstell, recognized for its achievements in restoration and modernization of historic structures, designed the renovation plans. The Old Solano Courthouse is the first project funded by [SB1407](#) to go into construction, which will be managed by Plant Construction.

Completion is scheduled for summer 2014, after which the court will use the building for civil cases. For more information, visit the California court's website at [www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-solano.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-solano.htm).

Members of the media wishing to attend the ceremony should contact Jeannette Brummer at 707-207-7475, for directions, parking information, and other background information.

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