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Physical Plant Standards and Long-Range Plant Development for Correctional Facilities

It is the policy of the Board of Corrections (BOC) that the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) establishes and maintains written physical plant standards for correctional facilities.

I. <u>Purpose</u>

It is the purpose of this policy to ensure that construction and renovation at all state correctional facilities conforms to applicable federal, state, and local building codes and national correctional standards (American Correctional Association (ACA)). (2-CO-2A-01, 5-ACI-2A-01)

Development of physical facilities is to be accomplished as rapidly as possible, and at the lowest possible cost, in order to conserve state resources.

A. Objective

In order to ensure a coordinated development program consistent with the mission and goals of the agency, the agency director shall secure both the technical and administrative resources necessary for development of the physical plant to include:

- Using professional consultants, agency personnel, construction contractors, and inmates in a manner consistent with the policies of the BOC and ensuring the following:
 - a. Minimum physical standards address requirements such as square footage, fixtures, lighting, ventilation, etc., as established in national correctional standards (ACA) and/or applicable building codes;

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- b. Basic physical standards address the aspects of construction materials and methods:
- c. Inspections at regular intervals throughout the construction/ renovation phase ensuring compliance; and
- d. The review of established plans for construction/renovation to ensure conformity of development.

B. Long Term Development (2-CO-2B-02)

The agency director will ensure formulation of an agency-wide, long-term physical plant development plan to be approved and adopted by the BOC.

II. Action

The agency director is responsible for compliance with this policy.

The agency director is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this policy statement will require prior written approval of the Board of Corrections.

This policy statement is effective as indicated.

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