



Dona Ana County Detention Center

The Doña Ana County Detention Center is a 500-bed facility built on a 19.54 acre site. Its podular design provides the ability to handle multiple types of prisoners in an effective and efficient manner with a minimum staff. The pods also confine emergency situations such as fire, by isolating the emergency in the pod where it occurs.

The building's exterior blends into its environment and beautifies the surrounding area rather than detracting from it. The facility's administrator is pleased with the message portrayed by the facility's exterior because its appearance gives a sense of security, rather than threat. The style helps it blend into the culture of the community.

Location.....Las Cruces, NM
Owner Dona Ana County
Architect.....ASA Architects
Cost.....\$14.6M
Size 126,600 sf
Completed February 1996