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May 3, 2012

James M. Davies, AIA
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Dear Mr. Davies:

This letter is intended to inform the New York State Office of General Services, Design & Construction of the Department of Corrections & Community Supervision's policies and procedures regarding door function, door operation, and compliance with the 2010 Building Code of New York State, the American National Standards Institute A117.1 2003, and the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standard. The following general guidance is provided so that OGS Design and Construction can design and provide code compliant contract documents:

DOCCS shall provide security personnel to operate all detention doors and all custom steel doors that are used as control doors for people with disabilities and those without disabilities. This includes offenders, civilian staff, and the general public.

DOCCS security personnel are those employees responsible to maintain the security and good order of the facility including the proper custody, supervision, and welfare of all offenders under their direction. Such employees shall be without physical disabilities and possess keys to open and close detention doors or custom steel doors used as control doors.

OGS Design and Construction shall consult with DOCCS American with Disabilities Act specialist and security specialist when these guidelines do not fit specific project conditions, and will determine the best solution to meet the intent of the applicable codes and standards.

Mr. James Davies, AIA
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I trust the preceding guidance demonstrates the Departments compliance with the 2010 Building Code of New York State, the ANSI A117.1 2003, and the 2010 ADA Standard regarding door function and door operation for capital projects performed in the Department's facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Fischer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Brian Fischer
Commissioner

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