COMPOSITE EXHIBIT "B"

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- 15. Bannum, Inc Zoning Compliance Permit Application and attachment

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Cathy Bellew, Operations Director

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Thomas Bussing, Mayor City of Gainesville 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Mayor Bussing:

CERTIFIED MAIL

Bannum has submitted an offer for a community corrections center (CCC) or "halfway house", program for federal offenders releasing to the Gainesville, FL area as a response to a request for proposal, RFP 200-751-SE, issued by the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons. The BOP encourages full and open competition in the procurement of these services; consequently, other offerors may also be responding to this RFP.

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The total term of the proposed contract is five years. The estimated requirement specifics 32 beds for males and 11 beds for females. These numbers reflect the BOP's best estimates of bed space needs at this time. The BOP may exceed its original estimates if there is an unanticipated need for additional bed space in this area. Performance is to begin on December 1, 2002 with contract award by August 1, 2002.

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employment, establish residence, and re-enter the community from which they came through a structured, supportive environment.

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Bannum will provide housing and related services to those persons from Gainesville and the immediate surrounding area that are returning to their homes, family, and friends. Our residents will go to work daily and return to the facility after work to sleep. Then, as long as they are honoring their agreement to qualify for the program, they can go visit their family and friends if they wish. They would then return to the facility on weekday evenings at their individual curfew time. Many residents would be allowed to check out on Friday and would not return again until their Sunday night curfew.

Bannum will monitor each resident's movement in the community by periodic on-site and telephone verification of their employment, educational pursuits, family visits, or other whereabouts. Bannum will assist the resident to find employment if they are not employed by making referrals to local employment agencies and local employers which have expressed interest in employing these residents.

Since this is a period of transition for these persons, Bannum simply assists them in reestablishing employment and family ties, locating suitable housing and preparing to function normally within the community to which they are returning. Bannum also makes referrals to local community agencies as appropriate.

Bannum's personnel monitor the program on a 24-hour basis, but there are no locks, bars, or other physical restraints. Bannum will employ a professional staff to include social workers to monitor and guide the residents through this period of transition.

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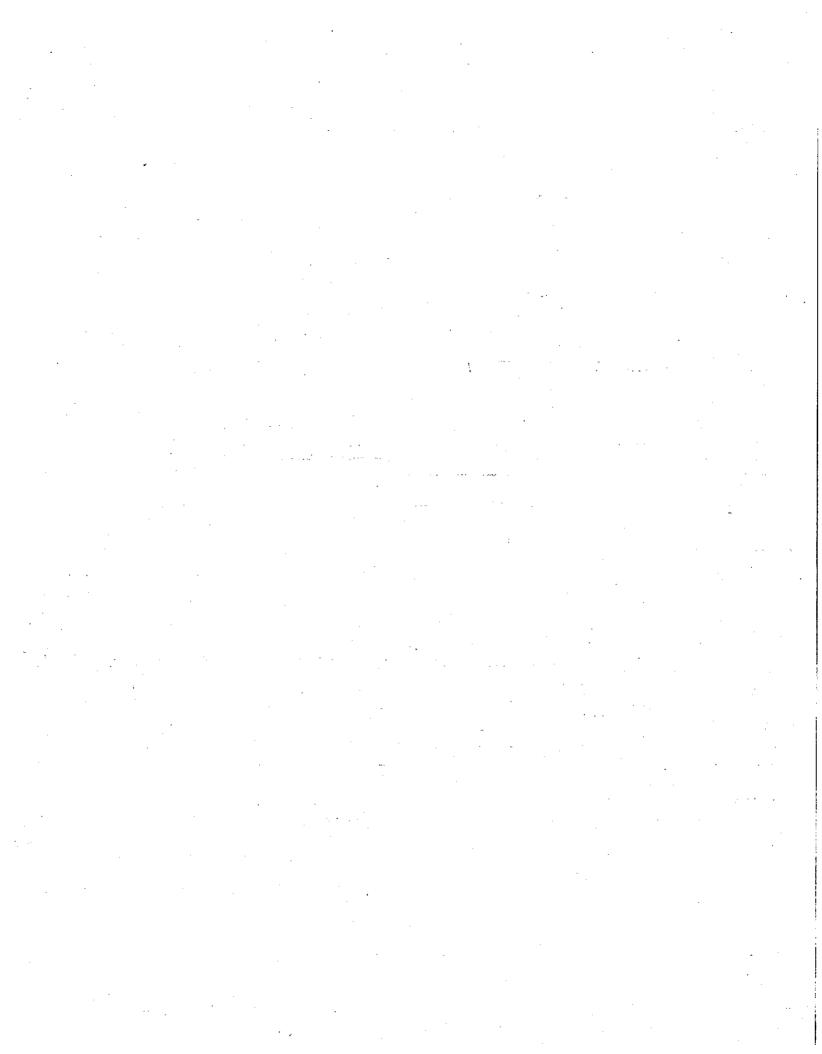
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If I can provide any additional information or be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,
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Executive Director

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May 28, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL

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Kimberly K. Miller

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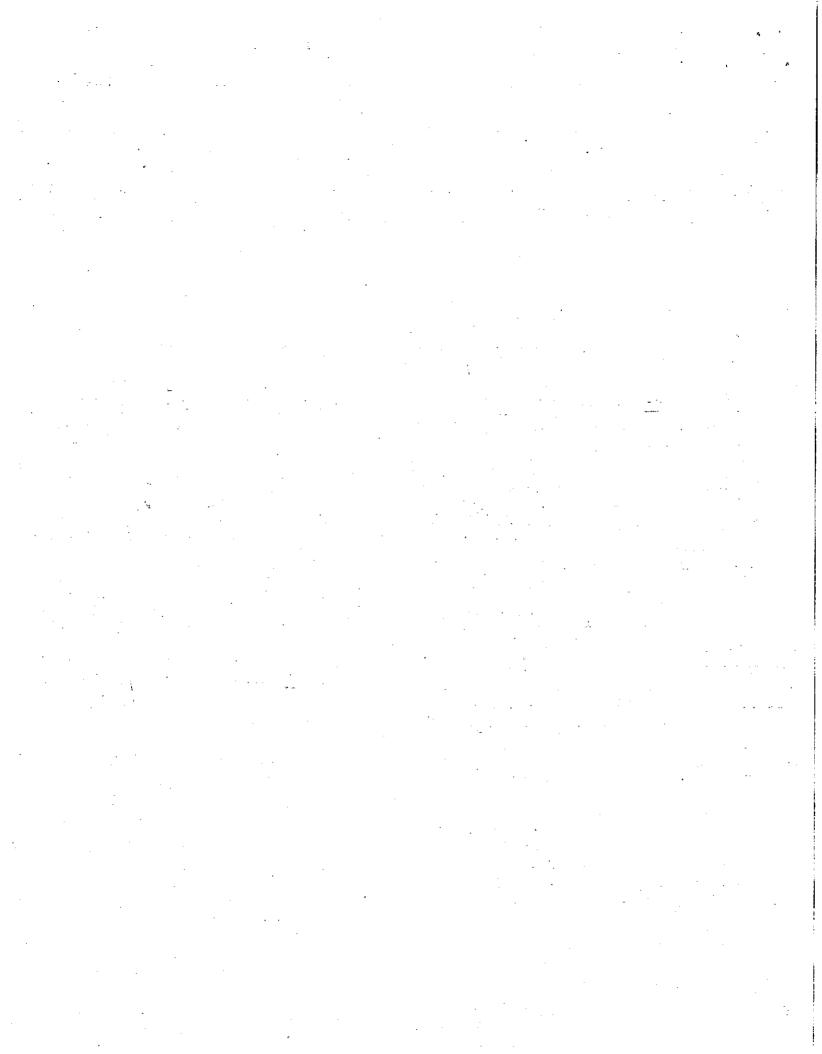
ROLE AND MISSION

Bannum, Inc. provides residential correctional rehabilitation services to individuals referred by appropriate committing authorities. Programs consist of assistance and counseling in the areas of:

Educational/Vocational
Substance Abuse
Financial Management
Personal/Interpersonal Relationships
Family Involvement

Individual accountability is achieved through a system of earned privileges, strict enforcement of rules and regulations, frequent monitoring of whereabouts, intensive supervision, and staff involvement. Program accountability is accomplished through a professional staff, and adherence to policies and procedures of the committing authority.

Each facility has a system for the provision of services and for referral to other agencies which are directed toward the specific needs and goals of each client. Services are advanced through support, guidance and individual accountability.



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June 3, 2002

Ralph Hilliard
Planning Manager
City of Gainesville
306 NE 6th Avenue, Bidg. B
Gainesville, FL 32602

Via facsimile and overnight mail

Re:

Petition 95 SUP-98 PB.

Residential Program located at 1604 SE 3rd Avenue

Dear Mr. Hilliard:

This letter is written as a result of our meeting on May 30, 2002 and your request for information concerning the above referenced property and use by Bannum, Inc.

As was discussed with you on May 30, Bannum Inc. is proposing to locate a social service home at 1604 SE 3rd Ave. Bannum has a lease with Bridges of America for use of the property which is conditioned on Bannum's award of a government contract. Bridges of America was previously issued a special use permit by the City of Gainesville to operate a seventy (70) bed residential social service home program at this same location. It is our understanding form Bridges' management that the City later approved an increased number of beds. Bridges operated its approved program at that location through December of 2001 (see attached confirmation letter). Therefore, according to our discussion of May 30, the special use permit has not been abandoned or lapsed and Bannum can operate its social service home at this location.

Accordingly, please consider this letter as our request to the City of Gainesville for positive written confirmation that Bannum's proposed use is still allowed at the property. In order to assist in your review of this request, we provide the following discussion.

The Bridges program, known as the Gainesville Bridge, received a state government contract to provide twenty-four hour, non-secure, work release, residential program services to offenders. Bannum is bidding on a federal government contract to provide twenty-four hour, non-secure, work release, residential program services to offenders. The Bridges program offered drug and alcohol counseling, development of social and job skills, life skills, managed client earnings, assistance in obtaining employment, referral to community agencies, assistance in obtaining housing once released, family involvement, and accountability of movement within the community. Bannum's program will provide all of these services as well. The Bridges program provided food service and twenty-four hour on site staff. Bannum's program will provide the same. The Bridges program

required frequent and mandatory substance abuse testing and adherence to a set of rules which protected the offender, other program participants and the community. Bannum's program requires the same. The Bridges state contract also required the offender to pay a part of the cost of residency as well as any restitution and/or fines and the balance of the costs were billed by Bridges to the state. Bannum's contract with the federal government requires the same. The Bridges program accepted into residency non-assaultive clients and excluded sexual predators. Bannum will do the same. Please see the attached Bridges of America brochure.

Attached is some additional information about our company and references. Please let us know if you require anything further. Respectfully, we are hopeful of a quick response given the deadlines with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons solicitation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Department of Community Development

June 4, 2002

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Executive Director
Bannum, Inc.
2165 Sunnydale Boulevard, Suite C
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Re: Community Corrections Center

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Sincerely,

Ralph Hilliard

Planning Manager

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Department of Community Development

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June 6, 2002

Ralph Hilliard Planning Manager City of Gainesville P.O. Box 490 Gainesville, FL 32602-0490

Via facsimile (352) 334-2822 and First Class U.S. Mail

Re:

Proposed Social Service Home

Address: 1604 South East 3rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida

Mr. Hilliard:

We are in receipt of your request for request for additional information regarding Bannum, Inc.'s proposed program to be located at the above address in the City of Gainesville. We are in the process of compiling a response thereto. In the interim I would like to make some comments regarding this situation.

David Lowry and I met with you last week at the behest of the City Manager for the City of Gainesville. During that meeting you indicated that we would be able to operate our proposed facility under the Special Use Permit issued to Bridges of America at the same property as long as that use had not lapsed for a period of twelve (12) months and as long as our proposed use was the same type of use as Bridges. We discussed that the Special Use Permit was issued to Bridges for the operation of a "social service home." It is important to note that the special use was not for a "social service home solely for substance abuse offenders." The City now is taking the position that the permit did only encompass a use solely for program solely for substance abuse offenders. I believe that position is taken in error.

However, so that we are all operating with the same information, I hereby request that you provide me a copy of all files the City has on Bridges of America that relates to its application for a special use permit. Once I review that file, I believe we can clear up any confusion at this early stage and get this situation back on the right track. Also, I would appreciate your providing me with a copy of the Ordinances or Statutes, via overnight or second-day courier, upon which the City is relying in taking its present position, as well as a copy of the ordinance or documents relating to the recently issued moratorium on new development in the area of our proposed use. Bannum, Inc. will promptly reimburse the City for reasonable copying and shipping costs. Certainly, if these documents are not voluminous I would welcome them via facsimile at (727) 588-2689.

In the near future, we will provide you with our response to your request and I will include a discussion, based upon the fact and law, which demonstrates the similarity and likeness

of Bannum's proposed use to that of Bridges, which are really one in the same. It is my hope that we can work this out amicably at an early date. Hopefully you and the City understand that Bannum, Inc. would like to become a good, contributing corporate citizen to the City of Gainesville and provide the community the services that this social service home will bring.

I look forward to the benefit of your earliest reply.

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Cordially

John D. Rich



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City of Gainesville
Community Development Department
P.O. Box 490, Station 11
Gainesville, FL 32601
Phone (352) 334-5022
Fax (352) 334-2282

DATE: 6/10

TIME: 4,50

TO: John Rich

FROM Ralph Hilliand

RE: Community/orrection Center

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Message:

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Department of Community Development

June 11, 2002

Mr. John D. Rich Corporate Counsel Bannum, Inc. 2165 Sunnydale Boulevard, Suite C Clearwater, FL 33765

Re: Proposed Social Service Home 1604 Southeast 3rd Avenue Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Rich:

I have reviewed your letter dated June 6, 2002. Your letter states that I indicated that Bannum would be able to operate the proposed facility under the Special Use Permit issued to Bridges of America. It is my recollection that I stated that it appears that you would be able to operate under that same permit if you were conducting the same use as Bridges of America. I discussed with David Lowry what type of offenders would be allowed in the facility based on the brochure he showed me indicating that "the Gainesville Bridge is an effective sentencing alternative for offenders who have substance abuse issues." I indicated at that time that, as long as the proposed facility were serving substance abuse clients only, that there should be no problem with zoning. I also indicated that I would need a statement from Bridges of America indicating that they were in operation within the last 12 months. Mr. Lowry, at that point, indicated that he thought Bridges of America served other clients. At no time during our conversation did I grant any type of approval of the proposed Community Corrections Center. At this time, no decision has been made as to whether your use will be allowed due to the lack of information regarding the number and types of clients you will serve.

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Sincerely,

Ralph Hilliand

Ralph Hilliard Planning Manager

cc: Thomas Saunders, Community Development Director
David Lowry



THOMAS D. BUSSING MAYOR

June 19, 2002 *



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COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B-8



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Letter to Federal Bureau of Prisons May 17, 2002 Page Two

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There is much hard work being put forward by the residents of this area, to stabilize and recover their neighborhoods. They are concerned about the establishment of a CCC facility in close proximity to their homes, schools and children's daycare centers.

We as a city are putting up significant resources, in partnership with the state and county governments, to bring about a well-planned vision of a better future for this long-needful part of our city. The efforts to make this happen will require a long commitment and dedicated effort.

I am sure that Bannum Inc. is committed to operating a quality facility, and the goals of this Department of Justice program are surely laudable. But the proposed CCC would not be a good fit with the surrounding residential neighborhoods, nor with this critical planning juncture, as we are committed to a new and different future for the east side of Gainesville.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Bussing Mayor

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Department of Community Development

August 26, 2002

David A. Lowry Bannum, Inc.—Suite C 2165 Sunnydale Boulevard Clearwater, FL 33765

Re: Zoning Compliance Permit Request

Dear Mr. Lowry:

The City of Gainesville received your request for a Zoning Compliance Permit for a "Residential Community Program under Government Contract." The application was incomplete in that it did not list the name of the business and did not provide the number of striped parking spaces on the site, as required by the application. Please provide this information on the enclosed form.

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Sincerely,

Ralph Hilliard

Planning Manager

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September 17, 2002

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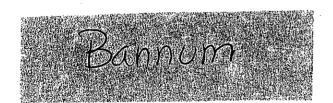
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John D. Rich

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John D. Rich

Bannum, Inc. 5904 MacCorkle Ave., SW St. Albans, WV 25177 Phone 304- 768-6625 Fax 304- 768-6467

Cathy Bellew, Operations Director

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Thomas Bussing, Mayor City of Gainesville 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Mayor Bussing:

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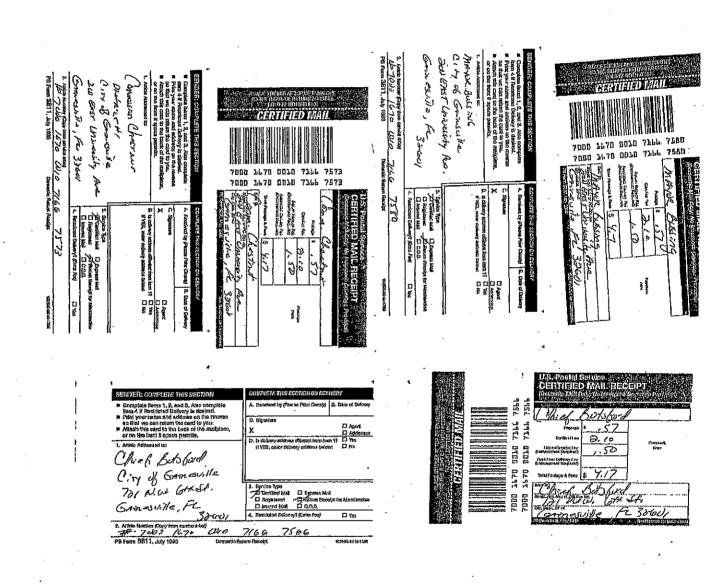
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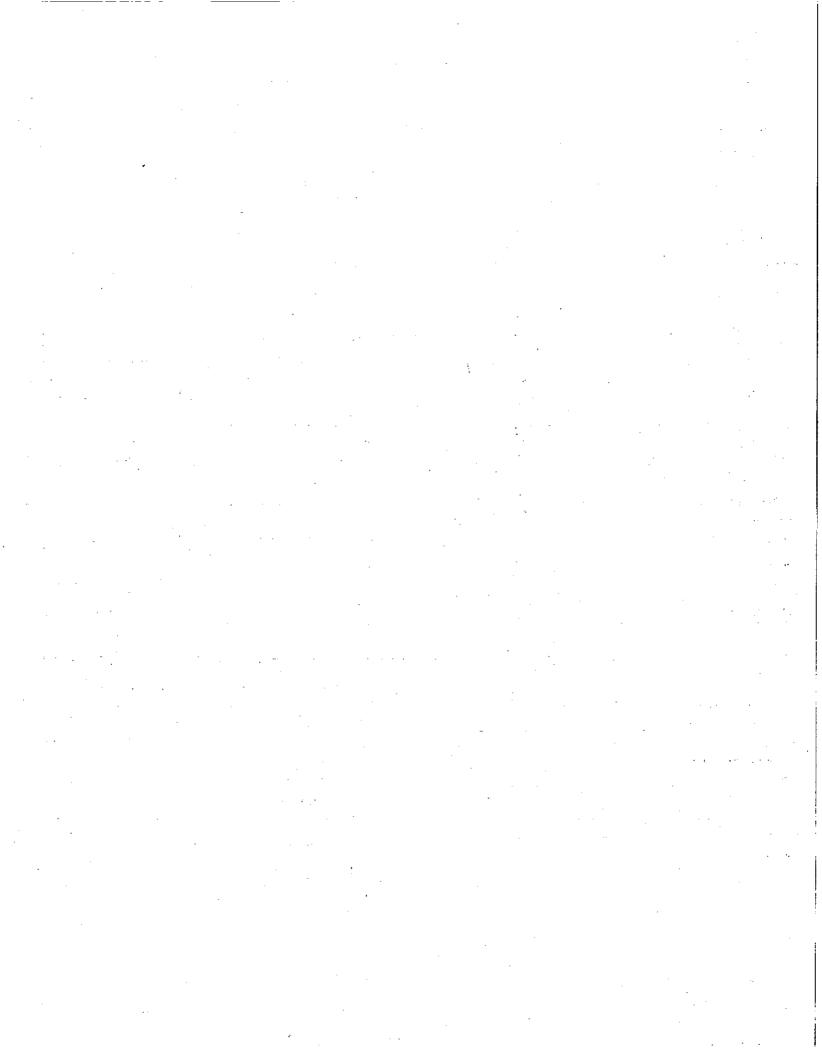
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Bannum has submitted a proposal to the Federal Bureau of Prisons to locate this Federal program at 1604 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL. The proposed property is already zoned for a work release program. Therefore, the building will only require minor renovations to meet Federal Bureau of Prisons safety requirements by the contract performance date of December 1, 2002. These renovations are scheduled to be completed by December 1, 2002.

The total term of the proposed contract is five years. The estimated requirement specifies 32 beds for males and 11 beds for females. These numbers reflect the BOP's best estimates of bed space needs at this time. The BOP may exceed its original estimates if there is an unanticipated need for additional bed space in this area. Performance is to begin on December 1, 2002 with contract award by August 1, 2002.

The BOP has a long history of transferring individuals who are within a few months of release to a contractor-operated CCC for transitional programming. These individuals have often been removed from the community for an extended period of time. Sound correctional practice suggests that CCCs enhance public safety by offering these individuals the opportunity to find





___ City of _ Gainesville

Inter-Office Communication

Planning Division

X5022, FAX x2282, Station 11

TO:

Tom Saunders

Director, Community Development

DATE: September 17, 2002

FROM:

Ralph Hilliard Planning Manager

SUBJECT:

Proposed Community Corrections Facility located at 1604 Southeast 3rd

Avenue

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding the zoning and codes issues related to the permissibility of locating a halfway house at 1604 Southeast 3rd Avenue. On May 15, 1998 Mental Health Services, Inc., applied for a Special Use Permit for a Social Service Home/ Halfway House. The property located at 1604 Southeast 3rd Avenue is zoned MU-1 (Mixed-Use Low Intensity). Social Service Homes/Halfway Houses are allowed in the MU-1 district by Special Use Permit. The City's Land Development Code defines a social service home or halfway house to mean "a facility providing professional care, resident or nonresident, for those requiring therapy, counseling or other rehabilitative services related to drug abuse, alcohol abuse, social disorders, physical disabilities, mental retardation or similar problems." On June 25, 1998 the City Plan Board approved the Special Use Permit for the facility.

During the review of the Special Use Permit, it was determined that Mental Health Services, Inc., was the agent for Bridges of America, a statewide vendor for the Department of Corrections (DOC), at the time of the application. The program was referenced as the Cross Creek Bridge Facility. During the hearing for the Special Use Permit, it was stated that the program would provide services for clients in the Aftercare/Medium Intensity Residential Program only. It was further stated that this program was for substance abusers. The Cross Creek Bridge Facility operated at the site until December of 2001. The Special Use Permit will become void if the use ceases for a continuous period of 12 months.

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Bannum, Inc. 2165 Sunnydale Boulevard Suite C Clearwater, FL 33765

David A. Lowry Executive Director

October 8, 2002

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Community Development Director
City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490
Gainesville, FL 32602

BY FAX

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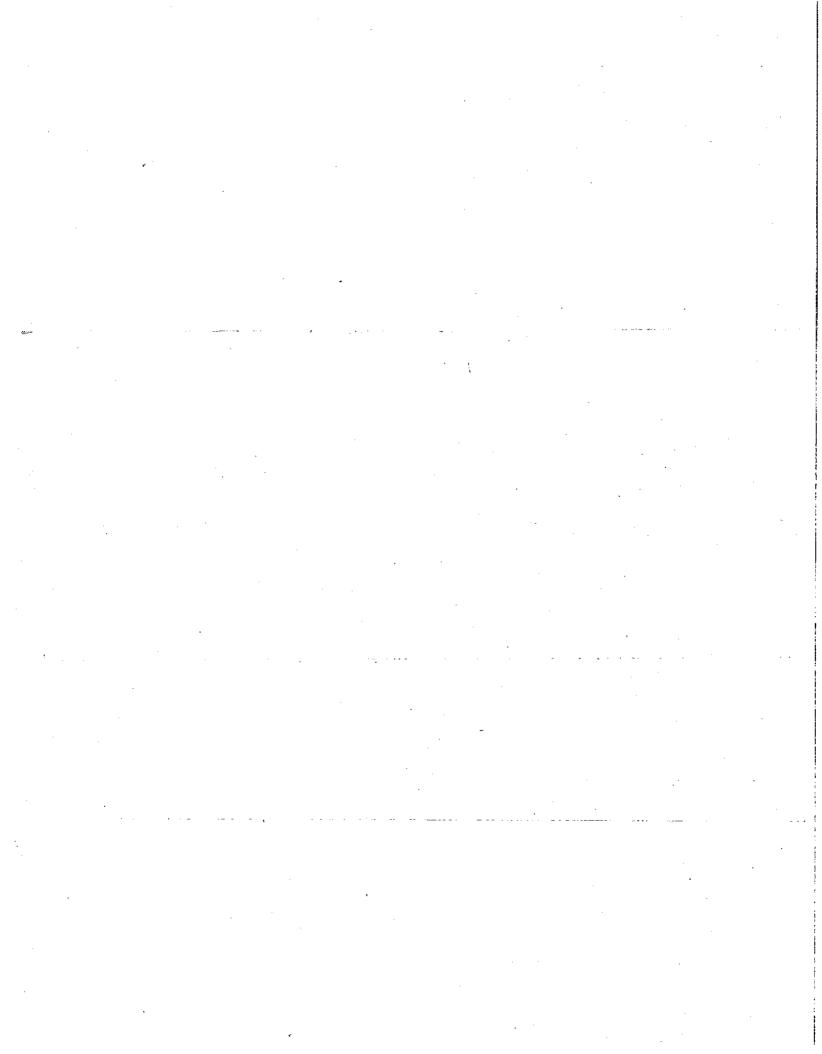
On October 4, 2002, I had a telephone conversation with you and Mr. Hilliard regarding your letter of September 26, 2002, wherein you determined that Bannum's proposed Community Correction Center to be located at 1604 S.E. 3rd Ave., Gainesville, FL was a "penal or correctional facility". In that letter you state that your determination was based on a review of the November 2001, as amended, March 2002 "Statement of Work, including Explanation of Terms".

In our telephone conversation, I explained to you and Mr. Hilliard in great detail that our program participants (residents) are not confined, physically restrained or otherwise detained in any manner. This, too, is based on the very SOW upon which the City relied in attempting to classify this program as a "penal or correctional facility". For verification, I also referred you to Chapter 10 of that Statement of Work which discusses movement in the community, mandatory employment, sign in/sign out, curfew of 9:00 pm, weekend passes, trips to the supermarket, etc. We also discussed the use of certain terms in the Statement of Work such as the word "inmate" and "confined". I explained that the use of those type of terms were not to be taken literally but should be interpreted pursuant to the entire document and absolutely cannot be a justification to determine that our proposed facility is a jail, prison or detention center. In addition, I pointed out to you that the Statement of Work also discusses the fact that our program would accept many referrals from the Federal Court who have not previously been institutionalized such as those persons under the supervision of a U.S. Probation Officer. Further, I explained that all our residents who are referred to us by the BOP are determined to be "Community Release" and voluntarily choose to participate in our program. From our discussion and the City's reliance solely on the November 2001 SOW as amended March 2002, to deny the zoning permit, it seems evident that said denial is misplaced.

After receiving all the information I offered, you stated that you would have to get back to me because I was providing information of which you were not previously aware. Accordingly, I look forwarded to the benefit of your earliest reply.

Sincerely.

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CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Department of Community Development

November 8, 2002

Mr. David Lowry
Executive Director
Bannum, Inc.
2165 Sunnvdale Boulevard, Suite C
Clearwater, Florida 33765

Dear Mr. Lowry:

I am writing in response to your recent letter to me regarding your proposed use at 1604 S.E. 3rd Avenue in Gainesville. We appreciate the additional information you have provided. However, it is our understanding that if you are doing those uses described in your proposal to the Bureau of Prisons, in the March 2002 Statement of Work (which it is our understanding is your proposal to the Bureau of Prisons) your proposed use is a Correctional Facility.

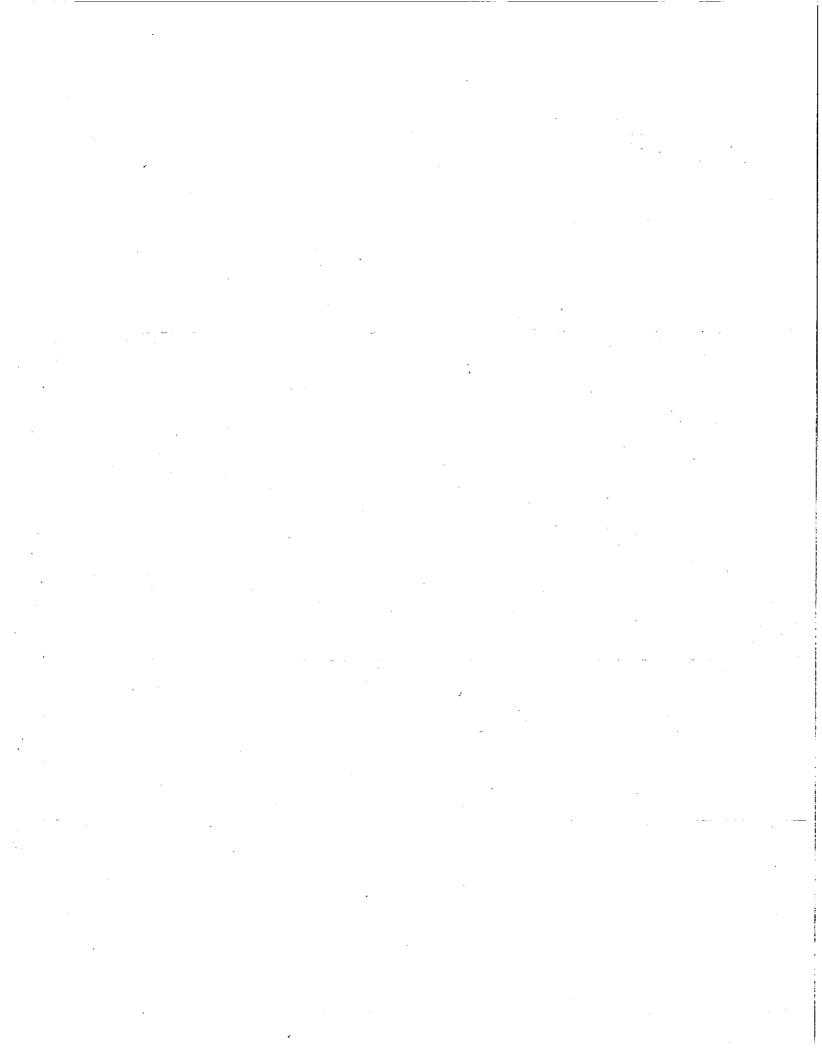
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cc: Wayne Bowers, City Manager
Ralph Hilliard, Planning Manager

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B-14



ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMIT Mailing address: City of Gainesville, Station 12 P.O. Box 490, Gainesville, FL 32602 phone: 352/334-5023 fax: 352/334-3259 Physical address: 306 NE 6th Avenue, Bldg. B, Room 158. ZCP No. Approved Approved w/conditions Do not write ih this space Daytime Phone Number: (727) Name of Business: HSE 3rd Ave: 1530 SE Hawthorne Pol (Location for which Zoning Compliance determination is requested) Address of Business: 1604 SE 35 Previous use of building or unit: Cesidential Community Program under Government Contra Proposed use of building or unit (BE SPECIFIC): hesidental community Program ((See 14) Number of striped parking spaces on site: Gross square footage of building: 24,000 5 Unit/Suite square footage: The information that I have supplied is true and correct. I understand I must obtain an occupational license from the Finance Department of the City of Gainesville, and meet all requirements of the Florida Building Code 2001 through the Building Department prior to operating the business, I CERTIFY THAT I <u>AM MAM NOT</u> CURRENTLY OCCUPYING THE SPACE FORWHICH ZONING COMPLIANCE IS REQUESTED. (circle one) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT Pick up [] (check one) PRINT APPLICANT NAME: T NOTE: If your busit ess is in a building with multiple uses where the parking is shared by all businesses, you may or may not be required to provide data on type of use and square footage of each business. Please ask Planning Staff for further information. An incomplete application will not be processed and will be returned to you. SUITE/UNIT # SO. FOOTAGE TYPE OF USE (BE SPECIFIC) FOR STAFF USE-ONLY: Required Parking Fevised 4/02

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B-15

Attachment to Application for Zoning Compliance Permit

Location Address: 1604 SE 3rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida

Tax Parcel No.: 11627-001-000 & 11627

Zoning: MU1 Lot Size: 1.47 Acres

Building Size: 24,000 sq. ft.

Economic Impact:

Estimated Annual Salaries, Benefits, etc.: \$250,000.00

Thirteen new employees in the area.

Local food service purchasing, office supplies, and other goods and services estimated annual expenditures of \$200,000.00

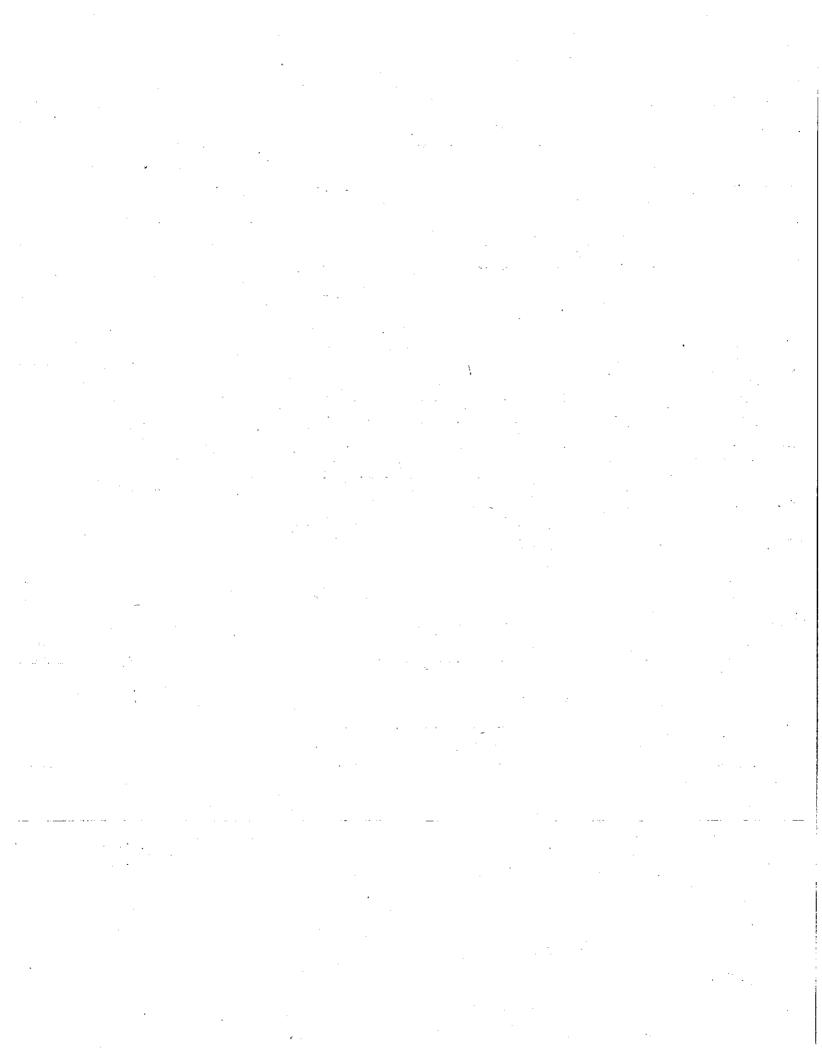
Programs:

The above-described property was formerly used by Bridges of America, Cross Creek Bridge Facility ("Bridges") to house a residential community program. Bridges ceased operation at the facility in December, 2001. The property is zoned and properly permitted to house a program for up to seventy (70) individuals. On June 25, 1998 the City of Gainesville approved Bridges request for a Special Use Permit (Petition 95SUP-98PB)(See attached letter of July 27, 1998). Thereafter, and until December, 2001, Bridges used the property in the operation of a residential facility to accommodate a government contract for a residential program that had several residential components. The individuals in the program lived at the facility leaving only to go to work and to purchase incidentals and personal necessities. Bridges employed staff to supervise the residents twenty-four (24) hours a day. Meals were provided to the residents. Program components included: drug counseling and treatment, life skills education, individual/group counseling. Bridges staffed an employment advisor to assist the individuals participating in the program in finding employment. Once employment had been attained, weekly job checks were performed by Bridges staff to ensure the residents were working. The residents' paydays were tracked and their money accounted for. They were drug tested weekly and had a daily curfew. Bridges staff performed after hours bed checks every 1-2 hours and were required to inform law enforcement of any resident not accounted for. The average stay of each resident in the program was six (6) months.

Bannum, Inc. proposes to use the aforementioned property in the same manner and under the same special use permit as Bridges. Bridges use has not lapsed for more than twelve months and Bannum, Inc. will lease the property directly from Bridges. Bannum, Inc. proposes to house a residential community program at the property for approximately forty to seventy individuals. Bannum, Inc. will use the property in the operation of a residential facility to accommodate a government contract for a residential program that has several residential components. The individuals in the program will live at the facility, leaving during the day to go to work and to purchase incidentals and personal necessities, and for weekend passes to one (1) disclosed location. Bannum, Inc. will employ staff to supervise the residents twenty-four (24) hours a day.

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The parties signing the zoning compliance permit submit that Bridges' Special Use Permit has not expired nor has it been abandoned, nor has the use ceased for a continuous period of 12 months (see Gainesville Code § 30-236(c)). Bannum, Inc.'s (Bridges Lessee) use of the property will be the same as Bridges. Bridges does not, by signing this zoning compliance permit or any other act, waive any right to use the property as it has in the past and under the Special Use Permit that is current and valid. Further, Bridges does not, by signing this zoning compliance permit or any other act, abandon the aforesaid Special Use Permit or Bridges ability to use the property as it has in the past. Bridges is simply leasing the property to Bannum, Inc. who, the parities submit, will use the property for the same purpose and use as Bridges, therefore Bannum, Inc. is entitled to have this permit granted.



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expenditures of \$200,000.00

Programs:

The above-described property was formerly used by Bridges of America, Cross Creek Bridge Facility ("Bridges") to house a residential community program. Bridges ceased operation at the facility in December, 2001. The property is zoned and properly permitted to house a program for up to seventy (70) individuals. On June 25, 1998 the City of Gainesville approved Bridges request for a Special Use Permit (Petition 95SUP-98PB)(See attached letter of July 27, 1998). Thereafter, and until December, 2001, Bridges used the property in the operation of a residential facility to accommodate a government contract for a residential program that had several residential components. The individuals in the program lived at the facility leaving only to go to work and to purchase incidentals and personal necessities. Bridges employed staff to supervise the residents twenty-four (24) hours a day. Meals were provided to the residents. Program components included: drug counseling and treatment, life skills education, individual/group counseling. Bridges staffed an employment advisor to assist the individuals participating in the program in finding employment. Once employment had been attained, weekly job checks were performed by Bridges staff to ensure the residents were working. The residents' paydays were tracked and their money accounted for. They were drug tested weekly and had a daily curfew. Bridges staff performed after hours bed checks every 1-2 hours and were required to inform law enforcement of any resident not accounted for. The average stay of each resident in the program was six (6) months.

Bannum, Inc. proposes to use the aforementioned property in the same manner and under the same special use permit as Bridges. Bridges use has not lapsed for more than twelve months and Bannum, Inc. will lease the property directly from Bridges. Bannum, Inc. proposes to house a residential community program at the property for approximately forty to seventy individuals. Bannum, Inc. will use the property in the operation of a residential facility to accommodate a government contract for a residential program that has several residential components. The individuals in the program will live at the facility, leaving during the day to go to work and to purchase incidentals and personal necessities, and for weekend passes to one (1) disclosed location. Bannum, Inc. will employ staff to supervise the residents twenty-four (24) hours a day.

Bannum staff will also, by contract be required to account for the residents whereabouts throughout the day on a periodic basis. Meals will be provided to the residents. Program components will include: drug counseling and treatment if appropriate, life skills education, individual/group counseling. Bannum, Inc. will staffed an employment advisor to assist the individuals participating in the program in finding employment. Each resident must find employment within fifteen (15) days of arrival. Once employment has been attained, weekly job checks are to be performed by Bannum, Inc. staff to ensure the residents are working and to maintain accountability. The residents' paydays will be tracked and their money accounted for. Each resident will pay subsistence during their stay. They will be randomly drug tested weekly and have a daily curfew. Bannum, Inc. staff shall perform after-hours bed checks every 1-2 hours and will be required to inform appropriate law enforcement and government officials of any resident not accounted for. The average stay of each resident in the program will be approximately four (4) months.

The parties signing the zoning compliance permit submit that Bridges' Special Use Permit has not expired nor has it been abandoned, nor has the use ceased for a continuous period of 12 months (see Gainesville Code § 30-236(c)). Bannum, Inc.'s (Bridges Lessee) use of the property will be the same as Bridges. Bridges does not, by signing this zoning compliance permit or any other act, waive any right to use the property as it has in the past and under the Special Use Permit that is current and valid. Further, Bridges does not, by signing this zoning compliance permit or any other act, abandon the aforesaid Special Use Permit or Bridges ability to use the property as it has in the past. Bridges is simply leasing the property to Bannum, Inc. who, the parities submit, will use the property for the same purpose and use as Bridges, therefore Bannum, Inc. is entitled to have this permit granted.