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This bonding proposal is in three parts:

1. \$74,300,000 to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip the Phase 1 expansion at the Department of Corrections Faribault Prison;
2. \$500,000 for the predesign of a prison industries building at the Faribault prison to be used to manufacture low cost modular homes by inmates; and
3. \$10,550,000 to design, construct, furnish, and equip a county jail facility for Rice county adjacent to the Faribault expansion. The facility must have at least 300 beds. The commissioner of corrections and the county board must enter into an agreement regarding facility construction and operations. The state must have priority for lease of up to 200 beds in the county facility.

Both the prison and jail proposed in this bill must be publicly owned and operated. According to the Department of Corrections web site: "The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Faribault ... is a medium-security, level-three facility housing adult males. A level 1 and 2 minimum-security unit is also located outside the secure perimeter. The 1989 Minnesota Legislature initially approved opening of the facility by authorizing funds to convert portions of the Faribault Regional Center for correctional use. Population is 1,225 (10/03). The facility includes ten remodeled buildings used for living quarters. One of the buildings has been adapted to meet the needs of the department's geriatric and special needs populations."

Total cost: \$85,350,000.

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Match: Yes. Nonstate funds of \$10,550,000 must be committed to the county jail portion of the project.