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Correctional Industries
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An innovative program
that puts inmates to
work in Wyoming
Correctional Facilities

Mission Statement

The Wyoming Department of Corrections contributes to public safety by exercising reasonable, safe, secure and humane management, while actively providing offenders opportunities to become law-abiding citizens.



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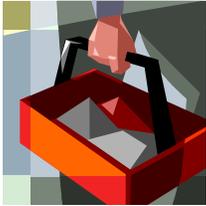


Industries Enhancement
Program

State of Wyoming Correctional Industries

An Industries Partnership

The State of Wyoming Correctional Industries: A correctional industry program that aids the Wyoming correctional system by providing the opportunities to reduce idleness, lower operating costs, provide offenders job skills and training, provide restorative and/or reparative justice, and/or add value to the local community.



Program Benefits

- 1) *For the Public, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Reduces the tax burden by decreasing institutional costs
 - Provides a source of support for offenders' dependents
 - Is an investment in human capital
 - Direct work experience skills that lead toward long-term employment
 - Reduces recidivism and the need to rely on public assistance by returning to society well-trained and/or motivated individuals
 - Provides a viable method for measuring the effectiveness of institutional training programs
 - Collects taxes on wages
- 2) *For the Victim, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Offers a new source of payment to supplement tax dollars for restitution
 - Restores confidence in the criminal justice system by making some compensation to the victim
- 3) *For the Offender, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Develops sound work habits
 - Enhances employability at release
 - Increases probability of success on parole
 - Establishes an excellent job reference
 - Pays competitive wages
 - Accumulates savings for the inmate's return to community life
 - Develops responsibility and accountability by providing community service and restitution to victims of crime
- 4) *For the Institution, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Builds a sense of self-worth and accomplishment
 - Gives a feeling of increased responsibility due to voluntary participation
 - Develops an understanding and appreciation for using educational programming to improve employability
 - Reduce the fear of community adjustment by creating a "real world" situation within the institutional work environment
 - Reduces idleness which abates violence through on-the-job training, encourages use of correctional resources including education and case management.
 - Increases revenue by deducting taxes, and room and board reimbursement from the offender's wages
- 5) *For the Participating Employer, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Develops a consistent workforce of qualified applicants
 - Establishes a potentially higher "profit margin" that does not require the payment of free-world benefit
 - Creates very productive employees who often exceed the productivity of free-world employees.
 - Produces job-ready ex-offenders who do not require expensive training
- 6) *For the Institutional Staff, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Creates less violent offenders which increases personal safety
 - Motivates offenders to move through the system in an organized and goal-oriented manner
- 7) *For the Business Community, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Protects free-world workers from unfair competition by adhering to a wage floor
 - Consults with local business prior to the initiation of a project to eliminate any possible competition
- 8) *For the Parole Agent, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Protects free-world workers by guaranteeing they will not be displaced by inmate workers
 - Provides a resource pool for future free-world workers
 - Increases successful job placement because of enhanced work habits and skills
 - Builds better prepared and motivated parolees who are less likely to violate their parole
- 9) *For the mission of the Wyoming Department of Corrections, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Enhances the dignity of individuals and increases the potential for human growth and development
 - Offers a productive occupation during the course of an offender's supervision while providing active employment and the pursuit of education resulting in positive rehabilitation
 - Produces more law-abiding citizens
- 10) *For the Legislature and the Governor, Correctional Industries . . .*
 - Creates industries as a self-sustaining entity
 - Offers a long-range opportunity to reduce recidivism
 - Increases tax savings and human resources
 - Relieves the social costs of institutional and welfare dependency

