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National Correctional Industries Association promotes the use of best and promising practices to support successful offender reentry, reduce recidivism and enhance public safety. Correctional Industries produce a well-trained offender that is equipped to enter the workforce upon release and become a productive employee and tax-paying citizen.

Supporting Information:

- Public Safety – Correctional Industries programs reduce offender idleness by providing offenders with meaningful training and work experience, thereby enhancing public safety.
- Reentry – Correctional Industries enhance the success of offender reentry. Studies validate that released offenders having Correctional Industries experience secure better paying jobs, obtain work more quickly, and retain jobs longer than offenders without this experience, thereby reducing recidivism.
- Recidivism – Released offenders with Correctional Industries experience have low rates of recidivism. Their ability to find and retain meaningful jobs, along with the values developed working in correctional industries, helps them become productive, law-abiding citizens.
- Victim Restitution – Offenders working in Correctional Industries pay victim restitution, court fees and fines, as well as other costs associated with incarceration.
- Taxpayers – Reduced recidivism saves taxpayers the burden of paying the cost of incarcerating repeat offenders along with the additional costs associated with re-arrest, such as courts, family services, and victim impact.
- Economic Support – In 2014, Correctional Industries' sales funded the salaries and benefits for over 6,900 civilian staff and purchased raw materials, supplies, and services from local businesses in the amount of \$1.3 billion.
- Job Skills Training – Through on-the-job training, offenders learn vocational, technical, and life skills, instilling a positive work ethic and a gainful attachment to the workforce. In 2014, more than 64,000 offenders worked for correctional industries.

Correctional Industries Preparing Inmates for Re-entry: Recidivism & Post-release Employment, June 2006, Doc. 214608, Authors: Cindy J. Smith; Jennifer Bechtel; Angie Patrick; Richard R. Smith; Laura Wilson-Gentry

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