

**ASSOCIATION OF STATE CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution # 20 - Correctional Industries

Introduction

Correctional Industry programs, whether operated by the public or private sector, aid correctional systems by providing job skills training to inmates, reducing inmate idleness, and lowering operating costs.

Resolution

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs provide offenders real world work training experiences that teach transferrable job skills and a work ethic that enhances their ability to secure and maintain employment upon release to the community;

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs have been proven to reduce recidivism and increase the likelihood of a successful transition for offenders upon release to the community;

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs can support job creation in the domestic economy (both for industry supervisors inside the prison, as well as support jobs through our business partners, e.g., in areas such as technical assistance and oversight, marketing, quality assurance, transportation and logistics) by repatriating work that would otherwise be performed outside of the U.S.

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs increase the safety and security of correctional institutions for the community, staff, and inmates by reducing inmate idleness;

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs reduce the costs to the taxpayer for incarceration by generating revenue (funds generated from sales of products and services) to support their operations);

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs help reduce the costs of products and services they provide to the customer, while maintaining the integrity of personal and sensitive information;

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs reduce the costs to society of crime by compensating inmates (compensation is typically used to pay fines, restitution and other court ordered financial obligations);

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs attempt to minimize impact on private sector business and labor through collaboration and transparency in the conduct of its operations;

WHEREAS Correctional Industry programs provide financial support to local communities, via their purchase of raw materials, equipment, and services related to the industrial programs they operate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ASCA fully supports the Correctional Industry programs at the Federal, state and local levels and supports programs designed to train more inmates in Correctional Industry programs;

And that ASCA supports legislation encouraging both (1) the training and skill development of inmates working in correctional industry programs; and (2) the employment of ex-offenders returning to the community;

And that ASCA opposes legislation that would limit or restrict legitimate work training opportunities for inmates without offering new authority to create additional training opportunities for them;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ASCA urges Federal, state and local governments to enact legislation and take other action to expand voluntary and productive work for training prison and jail inmates;

And that ASCA supports collaboration with community employers, labor agencies and organizations to overcome barriers to successful reentry for ex-offenders.

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