

Improving Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

Director's Summary

Fact Sheet
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WASHINGTON STATE
CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

Total
Employees
391

Total Number of CI
Incarcerated Workers
1,695

Total CI
Programming Hours
2,584,832

Total Amount
Deposited
into Personal Inmate
Savings Accounts
\$355,207

About Us

Correctional Industries (CI) is a unique blend of business and government, using private industry tools and techniques to provide a public service. Thousands of incarcerated individuals gain work experience and training as they produce high-quality, competitively-priced products. This translates into enormous benefits for taxpayers, the incarcerated individuals who work and learn in CI, and you, our customers.

With 97% of all incarcerated individuals returning to local communities, Correctional Industries plays an essential role in their transition. With the seed money from their savings, job skills, and experience gained from CI, these individuals have a greater chance of finding a job, which enables them to work toward a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Per RCW 72.09.070, Correctional Industries has an established advisory committee. Advisory committee members for the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee are appointed by the secretary of the Department of Corrections to help improve programs that prepare incarcerated workers to enter and succeed in the workforce. Members representing business, labor, and the public have expertise in the skills and competencies needed for specific occupations. The committee promotes constructive and necessary change within a program, generates new ideas, and advocates for quality career programs. The speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall each appoint one member from each of the two largest caucuses in their respective houses, and these individuals are non-voting members of the advisory committee.

Operating Budget


CI operates out of a non-appropriated/non-allotted revolving fund, per RCW 72.09.090. Monies in the account may be spent only for expenses arising in the DOC CI Class II operations. In the last fiscal year, CI's sales totaled \$125M, as a result of operating 11 different lines of business.-The net profits from sales and contracts are reinvested in expanding and improving incarcerated-based programs.

Major Accomplishments

- Senate Bill 5131 was implemented on time
- Affectedly completed the first line of business to ERP D365, Textiles
- CI successfully passed the State Auditor's Office audit
- Finalized relocation of License Plate Factory at Washington State Penitentiary

Strategic Priorities for the Upcoming Year

- As a strategic priority for the coming year, CI has two objectives to enhance our work training programs statewide. The first is to ensure qualified incarcerated individuals who want assistance are "work ready" and employable upon release. The second objective is to link with community partners on job



readiness, job placement, and Vocational Education to provide a pathway of continuous employment from prison into the community.

- Transitioning to D365 is a strategic agency priority in that it mitigates risk (i.e., Risk Register) for the Department of Corrections and promotes CI sustainability. The current ERP utilizes antiquated hardware and software that industry vendors no longer support.
- As a strategic priority in the coming year, CI is actively partnering with internal stakeholders (e.g., DOC Budget) and external stakeholders (e.g., OFM, Legislature) to address funding shortfalls contributing to the declining Fund 401 cash balance. In addition to reducing operating costs, CI is actively working to achieve the product and service pricing necessary for long-term program viability. 2025-2027 Decision Packages have been submitted to address necessary rate adjustments for food and laundry services.
- Continual analysis of business lines to ensure market trend relevance and lean/sustainable programs.
- Develop a Denture Tech Training Program for the incarcerated population in collaboration with Education.

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