



Department of
Rehabilitation & Correction

John R. Kasich, Governor
Gary C. Mohr, Director

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Dear Stakeholders:

We last contacted you in November 2013 when the Office of Enterprise Development (OED) was in its initial stages and since that time our office has steadily evolved. As you may remember OED, within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC), and in collaboration with Ohio Penal Industries (OPI), Ohio Central School System (OCSS), Parole and Community Service, and Office of Reentry, continues to seek partnerships with your business in order to further our mission of successful offender reentry. In 2013, over 21,000 offenders were released from prison back into our communities. It would stand to reason that by giving these returning citizens practical job skills; they will be less likely to return to a criminal lifestyle. We would enjoy the opportunity to collaborate with your business in not only making Ohio's communities a safe place to live, but to also create jobs and help our communities thrive.

OED's Mission Statement:

The mission for the Office of Enterprise Development is to reduce the idleness of inmates through the creation of inmate jobs. Our office works in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Development, OPI, and DRC's areas of research, information and technology, and education to provide opportunities for offenders to learn transferable and meaningful job skills during their incarceration.

The Office of Enterprise Development will create partnerships and business opportunities both within the public and private sector with the goal of reducing recidivism rates and successfully reintegrating ex-offenders into society through career and employment opportunities.

Guiding Principles for Business Partnerships with the Office of Enterprise Development:

- Reduce recidivism through training and employment opportunities;
- Significantly increase offender jobs at OPI through business partnerships;
- Increase apprenticeship and education opportunities;
- Work within the confines of available space;
- Maintain existing jobs for Ohioans;
- Transparency is a priority;
- No tax dollars will be used for business partnership projects; and
- No products will be sold across state lines.

Partnership Opportunities:

We are soliciting business interests and proposals for the following areas:

Offender Training Opportunities:

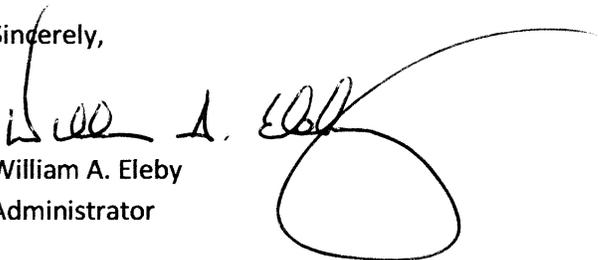
- ❖ Printing Services - offenders receive training in the design, layout, proofing, printing and duplicating of various printed materials.
- ❖ Truck Driver Training – CDL License may be obtained and serve as a Commercial Driver through job placement.
- ❖ Poured Walls and Cabinets – offenders have assisted Habitat for Humanity, through community service and educational opportunities by building cabinets and walls for new homes.

Goods and Services:

- ❖ Furniture – offenders are trained to manufacture and assemble wood and melamine furniture.
- ❖ Steel – offenders are trained to manufacture and assemble steel components.
- ❖ Manufacturing piece work – offenders have an opportunity to learn and assist a manufacturing operation.

If you would like additional information regarding OED partnerships please do not hesitate to contact me, William A. Eleby, at William.Eleby@odrc.state.oh.us or at 614-387-1137, as I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William A. Eleby', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

William A. Eleby
Administrator