INDUSTRY UPDATES

14 Green Prisons from Mother Nature Network

"...the greening of prisons is not only good for the environment, it can also be a good for the economy and a healthy aspect of the rehabilitation process."
Did your facility make the list? CLICK HERE

Washington State DOC Wins National Competition to Bolster Green Prisons Programs

The Department of Corrections will be able to advance its nationally recognized sustainability initiative after winning a national green corrections competition. Washington is one of three states that competed for and will receive expert guidance on green correctional practices through the National Institute of Corrections. READ MORE

President's Perspective

Education and Training
The latest Seven Steps to Sustainability Webinar was held July 11th and focused on water management. The webinar featured presentations by Ed Howell of I-Con Systems, E.W. Bob Boulware of Design-Aire, and Peg Ritchie, former Deputy Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. These experts focused on three very diverse ways to save on water costs. If you missed it, watch the webinar on www.GreenPrisons.org along with all our previous sessions including Materials Management, Lighting and HVAC among other topics.

Southern States Correctional Association Conference
July 15-17 GreenPrisons met with more than 300 attendees at the Southern States Correctional Association Annual Conference in Lexington, KY including Commissioners Chris Epps of Mississippi and LaDonna Thompson of Kentucky. Southern States' members represent practitioners from 14 states and is a great organization of correctional professionals. If you're not a member consider checking them out.

American Correctional Association - 142 Congress of Correction
We are looking forward to the ACA Conference that kicks off in Denver, CO July 21st. If you are coming to the conference be sure and attend the Clean and Green Committee meeting Saturday, July 21st at 1:30 PM in the Convention Center room 301. Every registered participant for the conference is welcome.

The North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS) will once again host a Hospitality Suite July 21, 22 and 23. Come by and grab a snack and a drink - talk to old friends and meet
Prisoners at the Jacksonville Correctional Center are part of a statewide prison effort to be greener.

The IDOC is touting its Sustainability Initiative, which Deputy Director of Projects Jen Aholt says includes saving energy and water to developing gardens.

Aholt says the program combines awareness with vocational training.

In addition to our Clean and Green and NAAWS related activities at ACA, GreenPrisons representatives will be participating in at least six workshops in Denver. Check out the ACA program for times and locations. Come see us after the presentation and give us some feedback.

Who says you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?

We are now part of the TWITTER nation and are becoming more active. If you TWEET check out GreenPrisons and follow us. We have hundreds of followers including a number of correctional facilities and agencies. Like what we’re Tweeting? Spread the word with a Re-Tweet!

2012 National Symposium on Sustainability in Corrections

GOOD NEWS! Our agenda for the Symposium is rapidly filling up with great workshops. We’ve received proposals from the Ohio Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Indiana DOC, Maryland DOC, Illinois DOC and several others. We still have a few slots open for 90-minute workshops that include up to two free registrations. Hurry to take advantage of this cost-saver while we still have vacancies.

BETTER NEWS! We are extending the early bird discount for registration through September 1st for those that register more than one participant and pay for it at the same time. Call 859-353-5651 or email Tommy@GreenPrisons.org for more details.

EXHIBITORS: The Premium Exhibits include an 8x10 booth and a 45-minute workshop. There are only a few opportunities left to purchase a Premium Exhibit. Don’t miss this great opportunity to talk about your product in a workshop setting and drive traffic to your booth. Give us a call to lock in one of these opportunities before they’re gone.

International News

Prison design, prisoner well being and ‘green’ building – prison design from Iceland

The architects also have an eye to the speed and ease of construction, and to the eco standards of the building, planning to draw upon Icelandic vernacular architecture to
insulate the building. The prison facade will be constructed from peat-filled cages, planted with local flowers and grasses, both to provide cheap, prefabricated thermal insulation, and to deliver a facade “that changes with the seasons”, making prison life “less monotonous and more human and natural related”. READ MORE

Kerala Prisons to Go Green - Thiruvananthapuram, India

In what is being billed as a pioneering initiative, all 52 jails in Kerala will now go green with the state government undertaking a Rs 25.50 crore solar power project. The pilot project was launched by Chief Minister Oommen Chandy at the central prison. READ MORE

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