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Success!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the 2nd National Symposium on Sustainability in Corrections!

What a week! Thanks to the almost 200 people who came out to Plainfield, IN to talk about sustainability in corrections. With **more than 25 vendors and over 150 participants from 18 states**, the Symposium covered topics ranging from energy consumption to training inmates on sustainable gardening techniques.

The Symposium's timeliness was underscored by the **devastating effects** of hurricane Sandy that hit the East Coast leaving millions homeless and without power in New York City, New Jersey and other parts of the area. Your efforts toward sustainability are not without consequence and **GreenPrisons.org is proud to be associated with everyone working toward this important goal.** We hope you'll continue to join us in our efforts to be better stewards of the earth, making correctional facilities safer and more efficient.

If you missed the Symposium and want information on the types of products and services available to support your facility's sustainable projects, **please visit our sponsors and vendors' websites from the [GreenPrisons.org home page](#).**



Highlights of the event include the presentation of the first **Rees-Stalder Award for Sustainability in Corrections**, which was awarded to the [American Correctional Association \(ACA\)](#) and the [Indiana Department of Correction \(IDOC\)](#).

ACA was selected for their forward thinking and creation of the Clean and Green Committee that is responsible for a new standard for sustainability as well as a policy position. ACA



President and Sheriff of Davidson County, TN, Daron Hall accepted the award on behalf of ACA.

IDOC received the award in acknowledgement of their close collaboration with GreenPrisons since its inception, supporting the organization's efforts to promote sustainability in the profession. In addition, the IDOC's own efforts toward creating sustainable practices across all state facilities are highly regarded examples and put them at the forefront of the industry nationwide. Commissioner Bruce Lemmon accepted the award on behalf of the IDOC.

"We could not have selected two more deserving candidates for the inaugural presentation of this award" said Tommy Norris, President of GreenPrisons. **"ACA and IDOC epitomize a commitment to sustainability by corrections professionals."**

GreenPrisons will attend the South Carolina Correctional Association conference later this month and the ACA Winter Conference in Houston in January 2013.

Pictured: IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, 4Beginnings CEO Ron Greschner, GreenPrisons.org President Tommy Norris and ACA President and Sheriff of Davidson County, TN Daron Hall. (photo credit: Kathy Hernandez)

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