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INDUSTRY UPDATES

Limited Vendor Space Available

Don't miss your opportunity to exhibit at this year's National Symposium on Sustainability. We anticipate 200 participants at this year's Symposium, but there are a limited number of booths left for Vendors - register today!

Want to make a more meaningful connection? Be a Premium Vendor and receive a 50-minute workshop on your products and services in addition to your booth space.

Illinois Releases Sustainability Plan

In accordance with 20 ILCS 3954 the Green Governments Illinois Act, the Illinois Department of Corrections is proud to announce the release of its first Sustainability Plan. Building a culture of sustainability in our agency will help to make us better stewards of the resources entrusted to us. READ MORE

American Correctional

Announcing the First Rees-Stalder Award for Sustainability in Corrections

There are many champions of sustainable practices in the corrections industry today. GreenPrisons is proud to recognize The American Corrections Association for their leadership and the Indiana Department of Correction for their singular accomplishments in all aspects of sustainability with the first-ever Rees-Stalder Award for Sustainability in Corrections. The Award is named in honor of retired Commissioner of Corrections in Kentucky John Rees and retired Secretary of Public Safety and Corrections in Louisiana Richard Stalder who were instrumental in the creation of the ACA Clean and Green Committee and are thought-leaders in the field.

The award is part of a Fund established to support expanded technical assistance and training and scholarships for practitioners to attend the national conference. The Rees-Stalder Award will be presented annually to an individual, agency or association for their efforts in promoting sustainable practices in corrections the previous year. To find out how you can support the Fund and Award, please contact Tommy Norris.

Read more about the award honorees on the GreenPrisons.org home page.

Education and Training

Archived Webinars

Train on your own time! We concluded our webinar series on the Seven Steps to Sustainability in Corrections with a great webinar on
Association

GreenPrisons attended the ACA 142 Congress of Correction that took place in Denver, CO in late July. The number of workshops with topics of sustainability and renewable energy strategies grows each year. This year GreenPrisons was proud to take part in three of the six workshops. Thanks again to I-Con Systems, PortionPac, Solaris, and Magnaray for supporting GreenPrisons participation in the conference and our presence in The North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS) suite.

NIC Resources

The NIC Green Corrections initiative seeks to increase awareness among corrections professionals about environmental issues related to practice of corrections and focus attention on the need to make correctional facilities more energy and resource efficient.

2012 National Symposium on Sustainability in Corrections

We are gearing up for what will prove to be a great event in Plainfield, IN October 29-November 1, 2012. Standard registration starts at $225.

Highlights of the agenda include (subject to change):

Monday, October 29th -
6pm - 8:30pm - Grand Opening and Reception in Exhibit Hall
Tuesday, October 30th -
7:30am - Noon - Exhibit Hall Open Hours
8am - 11am - Premium 50-minute workshops* by the following vendors:

- Energy Systems Group; Portion Pac; Johnson Controls; Magnaray International; Aramark; I-Con Systems; NORESCO; Solar America Solutions; Fadely Energy Group

Noon - 1:45pm - Opening Luncheon Keynote Speaker Gary Maynard and Presentation of the first Rees-Stalder Awards for Sustainability in Corrections
2:45pm - 4pm - Commissioner's Roundtable - Bruce Lemmon (IN), Gary Maynard (MD), Pat Caruso (ret. MI), Gary Mohr (OH)

Wednesday, October 31st
8am - 11:15am and 1:45pm - 3:15pm - Concurrent workshops presentations from:
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction - Annette Chambers-Smith & Sheila Duffy
- Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Illinois Department of Corrections
- Indiana Department of Correction
- Lettuce Grow - Sarah Patterson & Beth Waitkus
- Lansing Community College - George Berghorn
- Green Entrepreneur - Bobby Clark & Gregg Keesling
- Roots of Success - Dr. Raquel Penderhughes
- DeCA's Solid Waste, Recycling and Sustainability Initiatives - Mark Leeper

11:30am - 1:30pm - Luncheon with Keynote Speaker, Pat Caruso
3:30pm - 4:30pm - Closing general session

Thursday, November 1st
9am - 4pm - Tour of Pendleton Correctional Facility

Read More

Water management last month. 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.

We continue the webinars this fall with a special sponsored session on solar technology with Solar America Solutions, "Incorporating Solar Heat into HVAC systems" on October 9th at 11am - registration is free.

We will also be teaming up with EPA's Energy Star project for a special on Energy Star benchmarking. Watch your email for more information on these two upcoming webinars in September and October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GreenPrisons.org

2nd National Symposium on Sustainable Corrections
October 29 - November 1, 2012
Indianapolis, IN

Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Linked In!
Premium workshops are available to vendors for $995 and include an 8x10 booth in the Exhibit Hall. Limited availability. Visit www.GreenPrisons.org to download and submit the Premium Vendor registration.

GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

Power to the People - from the Environmental Leader
In order to reduce expenses and become more environmentally sustainable, a distilling company decided to reduce the glass thickness in some of its bottles and to replace it with plastic in others. “Given the volume of product sales, the changes were significant in terms of cutting costs and reducing our environmental impact...” In a global workforce study by Towers Perrin, corporate social responsibility was ranked third out of the top ten items that drive employee engagement.

Ohio Prison Cites Green Initiatives as Cost-Saving
Officials at a state-run prison here said they are saving taxpayers thousands of dollars annually through green initiatives, including turning the prison’s food waste over to an organic gardening company for composting.

“It doesn’t always look pretty, but the results are good,” said Tim Brunsman, warden of the Lebanon Correctional Institution, standing amidst more than a dozen bags of sorted trash.

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