



October 2011 Newsletter

President's Perspective



The beginning of October marks the first cool nights of Fall suggesting it won't be long before boilers will be fired up and furnaces are operating full time. If you haven't done your preventative maintenance checks on these units time is running out to make sure they will operate as efficiently as possible saving both fuel and dollars.

GreenPrisons is moving right along with education, research and events around sustainable corrections. The participation in our first webinar in September exceeded all expectations. We had an excellent discussion on doing business with corrections. It was great to hear about some successes from correctional facilities as well as concerns and questions from product providers trying to break into the market.

EDUCATION

Our next [webinar](#), set for Tuesday, October 11th, will focus on the relationship between sustainable practices in corrections and reentry programs. We will be joined by representatives of the National Correctional Industries Association who will share what industry operations are doing to train offenders in green collar jobs. We will also hear from the Virginia Department of Corrections who will talk about their performance contract with Johnson Controls that includes a training program and facility. Details and registration link are below.

BLOG

Be sure to check out the live blog from the [Construction Maintenance Institute \(CMI\)](#) in Colorado Springs this month. There is still time to register for this important event. See below to learn more about this annual meeting - if you are in facilities maintenance this is the one event you need to attend.

Stay tuned for dates and location for the next National Symposium on Sustainable Corrections.

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GreenPrisons Webinar Series

GreenPrisons.org started off our FREE webinar series last month with "Corrections 101". This fall webinar series is aimed at educating correctional personnel and product providers on sustainable practices. You only need a computer and internet connection to participate. Register today to reserve your spot.

Re-Entry

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

10:30am EST

[REGISTER](#)

How can we prepare inmates for "Green Jobs"? Join us for an overview of the green job market and the best ways to prepare inmates to reenter their communities with 21st century skills. We'll hear how practitioners have afforded and implemented specific training programs.

Moderated by: Tommy Norris

Faculty includes:

Tom W. Young, Architectural and Engineering Services, Virginia
Department of Corrections

Wil Heslop, Director of Operations, National Correctional Industries Association



Best Practices

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

10:30am EST

[REGISTER](#)

Join us for a survey of facilities who are leading the way by implementing cost-saving, sustainable initiatives. Find out how they did it and what you need to be successful in your institution.



ARTICLES/TRENDS

Beyond Solyndra: Five Reasons Solar Is Still A Good Bet

forbes.com

Whether or not Solyndra was a good investment, whether you think the government should be making bets on any particular technology or company, whether Solyndra is, as one blogger recently opined, "collateral damage in a trade war with China," and whether or not there was some sort of political back-scratching involved, solar remains a good investment. That might sound ridiculous given the fact that Solyndra isn't the first U.S. solar company to go under this year, by a long shot. But when you look at the reasons behind all those bankruptcies, what you see is not an industry in trouble but a market that is maturing. [READ MORE](#)

330,000 Jobs in 2 Decades from Energy Efficiency

cleantechnica.com

Energy efficiency saves us bucket-loads of cash, but it also creates jobs for our fellow Americans (and the money they make goes back into our economy).



James Dixon, chairman of the National Association of Energy Service Companies, recently pointed out on Politico that, since 1990, the energy efficiency industry has added 330,000 jobs (I imagine some of you have such jobs). [READ MORE](#)

Image: Export dollars per job in the clean economy are almost double those in the broader economy. Median wages are nearly 20% higher.

EDF Climate Corps Finds \$650 Million In Energy Savings

blogs.edf.org

Today, EDF (Environmental Defense Fund) announced that this summer's class of Climate Corps fellows uncovered efficiencies in lighting, computer equipment, and heating and cooling systems that can:

- Cut 600 million kilowatt hours of electricity use and 27 million therms of natural gas annually, equivalent to the annual energy use of 38,000 homes;
- Avoid 440,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions annually, equivalent to the annual emissions of 87,000 passenger vehicles; and
- Save \$650 million in net operational costs over the project lifetimes.

Thanks to the work of our EDF Climate Corps fellows, organizations as diverse as McDonald's, Target, the New York City Housing Authority, and North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University all found significant cost savings and greenhouse gas reductions through energy efficiency. [READ MORE](#)

Why a Green Economy Is Still Part of Jobs Solution

newamerica.net

Since 1995, California has seen "core" green jobs increase by 56% -- to 174,000 -- while all jobs in the economy expanded by only 18%, according to the nonpartisan research organization Next 10. (Biotech, heavily funded by venture capitalists, saw employment grow by just 7%. That's evidence right there that the government should not expect to create jobs by supplying capital to startups directly.) California's core green jobs were largely in air quality, landfill recycling, energy conservation and energy generation, and they were supported by a much larger number of "greenish" jobs, such as those in finance and investment. [READ MORE](#)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

GreenPrisons.org has begun work on a new manual designed to assist agencies who want to get started on sustainability but don't quite know where to start. GreenPrisons has engaged Paul Sheldon with Natural Capitalism Solutions in concert with Dr. Rick Ruddell of the University of Regina in Canada, to compile a series of case studies about success stories in sustainability in corrections. We want to include everything from successful recycling programs to major HVAC renovations.

We are seeking contributions from the field and would like to encourage you to share your successful efforts in any one of these areas. If you have a composting project or have replaced lighting we would like to hear about it. Shoot an email to Tommy@GreenPrisons.org and we can talk about how to share that experience with the rest of the corrections profession.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GreenPrisons at CMI
October 17-20, 2011



GreenPrisons.org has joined forces with the [Construction Maintenance Institute](#) to promote sustainable practices in corrections. The 2011 conference will be Monday October 17th through Friday October 20th and will be hosted by Dave Madvig from the [Wyoming DOC](#).

RESOURCES/BEST PRACTICES

[5 Million Green Jobs](#)

5 Million Green Jobs has a challenging and inspiring mission: to be the Green social networking platform and center point for the Green Industry by providing a web-based platform for companies, individuals seeking employment opportunities, educational institutions, consultants and experts and even those curious to learn more about Green opportunities to come together.

**American Correctional Association
Winter Conference**

Phoenix, AZ - January 20-25



Southern States Correctional Association

2012 Mid-Winter Conference



**Southern States
Correctional Association**

January 20-22

American Jail Association

**31st Annual Training Conference
and Jail Expo
April 22-26, 2012
Reno, Nevada**

**Mid Atlantic States
Correctional Association**

**2012 Annual Conference
June 17-20
Hershey, PA**

**Best Practices in Green Re-Entry
Strategies**

Green For All has just released a report, Green Strategies to Re-Entry, detailing how the formerly incarcerated can find work in the green economy.

One-in-four adult Americans has a criminal record of some kind. Millions were incarcerated at some time. The re-entry population is facing the same bad economy as the rest of the nation - but with significant disadvantages.

**CA Department of Corrections and
Rehabilitation - Going Green Index**

CDCR announced five renewable-energy agreements with SunEdison to add nearly 23 megawatts of on-site solar-generated power at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison and Ironwood State Prison in Blythe, California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi, North Kern State Prison in Delano, and California State Prison, Los Angeles County, in Lancaster.

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