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# GREENPRISONS

Your Connection for Sustainable Corrections

## Newsletter

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### RESOURCES AND BEST PRACTICES

#### Green Entrepreneur Program

The Ohio Environment Education Fund has approved funding for a Green Entrepreneur Program at Southeastern Correctional Institution (SCI) in Lancaster OH. Sustainable Business Ventures and the Vera Institute will develop and implement the program at SCI, which has been a sustainability leader in corrections with the Ohio Green Prison Project. The Green Entrepreneur Program will train inmates and with a train-the-trainer program for staff and inmates so this program can continue beyond the grant funding period. Contact [Tommy@greenprisons.org](mailto:Tommy@greenprisons.org) to learn more about bringing the entrepreneur program to your agency.

#### Water Savings at California DOC

To conserve water as much as possible, CDCR enacted the following measures:

- Reporting monthly institution water consumption
- Institute low/no cost conservation methods statewide

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URI GreenSkills is a local green jobs program that employs high school students and ex-offenders through the planting of

### PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

#### Reflection on 2011 and forward thinking

Seasons Greetings! GreenPrisons formally incorporated in July of this year and since that time we have established ourselves as the voice for sustainability in corrections. Thanks to all those who have helped us grow. There are more great things to come!



#### SAVE THE DATE

The 2012 National Symposium on Sustainability in Corrections will return to Indianapolis **October 29 - November 1, 2012**. The Symposium will be held in a new location with more amenities and lower cost. Watch the website after January 1 to see how to propose a workshop, exhibit or register for the Symposium.

#### Professional Development Webinar Series

We are finalizing the schedule for our 2012 Webinar series and will have that available in January. If you would like to participate in that series as a presenter email [tommy@greenprisons.org](mailto:tommy@greenprisons.org). Being a webinar presenter is a great opportunity to share what you have learned about sustainability with your colleagues in the field.

#### GreenPrisons.org Blog

[The blog](#) is a great place to learn about upcoming events that GreenPrisons is hosting as well as news about Sustainable Corrections. Check out the latest blog post for a more detailed account of our accomplishments and a thank you to some folks who have been particularly helpful getting us started.

We got off to a great start in 2011 and have much more planned for 2012. Please share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to share their experiences with the rest of the corrections field.

From all of us at GreenPrisons we hope you have the merriest of Christmases and the greenest of New Years.

## ACA January 20-25, 2012 - Phoenix

trees. GreenSkills connects people to their communities, their environment, and each other. [READ MORE](#)

### [Green Product Buzz Guide](#)

ED+C's Green Product Buzz Guides bring you the latest in green building products and services from companies exhibiting at trade shows, including Greenbuild, the AIA Expo, Coverings, Surfaces and more.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**American Correctional Association  
Winter Conference**

[Phoenix, AZ - January 20-25](#)



[Southern States Correctional Association](#)

2012 Mid-Winter Conference



January 20-22



April 15-18, 2012  
Springfield, MO



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

GreenPrisons will be back at ACA in Phoenix thanks to our partners at the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS) and the support of I-CON, Solaris, Portion-Pac, ESG and Zone 3. Come by the NAAWS Suite, get some refreshments and talk one-on-one with leaders in correctional management and providers of some of the most innovative sustainable technology in the world.

**Check out the websites of these leaders in sustainable corrections**



Come visit the NAAWS Suite and learn more about these organizations and the [NAAWS conference](#) in Springfield, MO, April 15-18.

## ARTICLES/TRENDS

**Solar Power Much Cheaper to Produce Than Most Analysts Realize, Study Finds**

The public is being kept in the dark about the viability of solar photovoltaic energy, according to a study conducted at Queen's University.

"Many analysts project a higher cost for solar photovoltaic energy because they don't consider recent technological advancements and price reductions," says [co-author] Joshua Pearce, Adjunct Professor, Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering. "Older models for determining solar photovoltaic energy costs are too conservative."

Dr. Pearce believes solar photovoltaic systems are near the "tipping point" where they can produce energy for about the same price other traditional sources of energy. [READ MORE](#)

**Navy Brig Receives Silver LEED Certifications**

The Naval Consolidated Brig Chesapeake (NCBCH), achieved a silver certification within Leadership, Energy and Environmental Design.

NCBCH has a vegetative roof, geothermal heating and cooling system, a gray water recovery system and retention ponds and swales, Spitzer listed. [READ MORE](#) or visit [GreenPrisons.org](#)

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#### A Little Holiday Goodness

Ray Elliott, our good friend at I-CON Systems, has been active in helping feed the poor and hungry in Romania for a number of years, as part of [Hope for the World Ministries](#), particularly around the holidays.

Ten dollars will do a lot of good - visit [www.hftwministries.org](http://www.hftwministries.org) to donate - 100% of the funds will go to the Christmas Food Bags.

#### Hybrid And Electric Vehicles Predicted To Be 5% of US Market by 2017

Between purchase incentives, rising costs of fossil fuels and the excitement of new vehicle models, the early market for electric vehicles is proving there is no shortage of demand for the products. Production is increasing around the world, with several new models expected to launch over the next few years.

According to a recent Pike Research report, hybrid and plug-in electric vehicles will represent 5.1% of total U.S. vehicle sales and 3.1% of worldwide vehicle sales by 2017. [READ MORE](#)

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