



September 2011 Newsletter

President's Perspective



Another busy month as we work to spread the word about sustainability in corrections. We're expanding the offerings on the [website](#) including new blog entries, feature articles and information on our first [webinar](#).

We will also be introducing a new service of GreenPrisons in the coming months featuring onsite training and technical assistance to help you in determining the most cost effective sustainable projects for your agency or facility. We have also started work on an administrator's guide to sustainability. This publication, which we hope to make available by the January meeting of ACA, will guide you through the steps you can take to begin saving your institution money and operating more efficiently. If you have a program that you are particularly proud of, no matter how large or small, [share it with us](#) so we can help others learn from your efforts.

Finally, I hope you can join us at the [Construction Maintenance Institute's](#) (CMI) annual conference in Colorado Springs next month. This annual gathering of institutions' maintenance managers is the place to learn more about the construction and maintenance side of corrections. If you can't make it, be sure and check our website for regular blog entries live from the conference.

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GreenPrisons Webinar Series

GreenPrisons.org will be hosting a series of free webinars this fall 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.

Corrections 101 - [Register](#)

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

10:30am EST

Join us for this first live interactive discussion on sustainability in corrections. Although the focus for this inaugural event is primarily focused on the providers of products and services to the correctional industry, we hope practitioners will join us to share their expertise as well. During the webinar we will discuss what makes corrections such a unique environment for outside contractors, cost effective bidding of a correctional project and the intricacies of the public sector procurement process.



Re-Entry - [Register](#)

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

10:30am EST

How can we prepare inmates for "Green Jobs"? Join us to learn how to identify private sector partners and the best ways to prepare inmates to reenter their communities with 21st century skills.



Best Practices - [Register](#)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

10:30am EST

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

Climate Ready Water Utilities Toolbox

The CRWU Toolbox provides access to resources containing climate-related information relevant to the water sector. The Toolbox contains [highlighted resources](#) below organized into categories to help guide the user to the most relevant information. Hundreds of additional resources in the Toolbox can be [searched](#) by geographic region, water utility type and size, water resources, climate change impact, and climate change response strategies. These resources will be updated frequently to provide the most current water sector climate change information.

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Sustainable Correctional Facilities in Canada

Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, working with the Ministry of Government Services, is committed to an ongoing process to reduce the impact of our buildings on the environment. This includes renovation and retrofit projects to make existing buildings more sustainable.

The project to replace the Regina Provincial Correctional Centre presented an opportunity to build a new, sustainable green building.

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Greener Government Through Technology

Last month the [General Services Administration \(GSA\)](#) announced that they were going to begin taking steps towards [making the federal government greener](#).

In an effort to do so, the GSA began to revamp IT contracts and strip out products that failed to comply with ENERGY STAR or the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) guidelines. They also asked agencies to identify used but functional electronic equipment that could be sold or reused and asked agencies to dispose of nonfunctional equipment using only certified refurbishers and recyclers.

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Biodiesel Achieves 5-to-1 Return of Renewable Energy

According to the National Biodiesel Board, a new study shows production continues to be energy-efficient in making biodiesel for diesel vehicles and home heating, demonstrating its long-term sustainability.

Newly published research from the University of Idaho and U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that for every unit of fossil energy needed to produce biodiesel, the return is 5.54 units of renewable

energy. This energy-in, energy-out ratio is called "energy balance" or "fossil energy ratio."

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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

The #renewable Daily

Check out this collection of articles and information on renewable products and practices: <http://paper.li/tag/renewable/~list>

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