Iowa Prison Industries

Iowa Board of Regents

August 8, 2013
“Statement of Intent for Prison Industries”

(Iowa Code §904.801)

“To develop Positive Attitudes which will enable offenders to eventually function as law-abiding, self-supporting members of the community”
“Good work habits that will assist them in eventually securing and holding gainful employment outside the correctional system”
“To the extent feasible, **marketable skills** that can lead directly to gainful employment upon release from a correctional institution.”
“Provide for their dependents, thus tending to strengthen the inmates’ family ties while reducing the likelihood that inmates’ families will have to rely upon public assistance”
“Make restitution to the victims of the offenses for which the inmates were incarcerated, so as to assist the inmates in accepting responsibility for the consequences of their acts”
“Pay some portion of the cost of board, in a manner similar to what would be necessary if they were employed in the community”
“Accumulate savings so that such inmates will have funds for necessities upon their eventual return to the community”
ISU & IPI

BFF !
Residence Hall Furniture

- Loft beds, desks, wardrobes, etc
- Designed in conjunction with DOR
- 49,000 pieces since 1999
- Move & Install teams
Fredrickson Court, ISU
Office, Classroom, Dining Hall Projects
President Leath’s Office, ISU
ISU Interns @ IPI

Dan Neubauer
- Summers 2012 & 2013
- Studying for Masters in Industrial Design
- Designing furniture

Meredith Van Woert
- Spring 2013
- Studying for Bachelors in Apparel, Merchandising & Production
- Redesigned denim jeans

Madison Romano
- Summer 2013
- Studying for Bachelors in Product Development for Fashion Design
- Optimizing jean production

Holly Kayser
- Summer 2013
- Studying for Bachelors in Graphic Design
- Designing product brochures, annual reports, logos

Levi Ward
- Summer 2012
- Studying for Bachelors in Graphic Design
- Designing product brochures, annual reports, newsletters
Daniel Alexander Neubauer

Furniture Design Intern
The Eldora Line
Furniture From Reclaimed Barnwood
Designed & Manufactured by Iowa Prison Industries

Levi Ward
Graphics Design Intern

Origins of the Eldora Line

Italian Roman Emperor Augustus ordered the construction of a temple in honor of the god Roma, which was later known as the Temple of Roma. The temple was located in the center of Rome and was said to be the original site of the Roman Empire. The temple was constructed using stones from the dismantled walls of the ancient city of Rome, which were used as a symbol of the Empire's power and wealth. Over time, a number of buildings and temples were built on the site of the original temple, and these structures were often used as settings for important events and ceremonies. Today, the site of the Temple of Roma is a popular tourist destination and is visited by millions of people each year. The location and construction of the temple serve as an example of the importance of architecture and design in the development of cities and civilizations.

From Farm to Furniture

Conference Table
- Solid wood construction
- Round design provides a comfortable workspace
- Hand-turned legs
- One-of-a-kind drawers
- Includes standard options
- 60” x 36” x 30”
- 36” x 36” x 30”

Credenza
- Solid wood construction
- Hand-turned legs
- Adjustable shelf
- Inset spring door
- 16” deep x 48” wide
- 30” deep x 48” wide

Occasional Table
- Solid wood construction
- Hand-turned legs
- 14” round
- Legs have a simple upward curve
- 36” deep x 16” wide
- 30” deep x 16” wide

A Customizable Collection

In addition to pieces already made for this collection, IPI can build custom furniture to your design, using the beautiful wood and rich history associated with the Eldora Line.

About IPI

IPI provides wood training in a real-world setting, where offenders develop skills such as operating a site environment, meeting quality requirements, and achieving output goals. When they are ready to work, IPI offenders can have a dramatic jump in their skills and will be a valuable asset to any company. IPI is a part of the IPI 500 program, which provides offenders with a solid start in the workforce, a solid start at Iowa Prison Industries, and a solid start at life. About 500 offenders at IPI become part of the workforce each year.
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BUILDING BRIDGES TO SUCCESS

IPI Newsletter

IPI Showroom Building Wins Design Awards

ASR Studio of Des Moines has won two awards for the design of the IPI Showroom in Des Moines, which opened for business in November 2008. Most recently, ASR Studio received a Merit Award from Residential Architect Magazine in the light-commercial division of the 2012 Residential Architect Design Awards. It is one of 36 winners selected from a group of more than 600 entries. The building received the award for its beauty in simplicity.

IPI News received a 2012 AIA Iowa Excellence in Design Award of Merit for ASR Design of the IPI Showroom, Iowa Chapter, last September. One juror wrote, "A well considered building that makes the most of its budget through clever detailing and use of stone metal. building systems." ASR Studio received extra grief for this award, but it was still very much pleased with the outcome.

The IPI Showroom was built within a strict budget and without any taxpayer funds. Since opening, the Showroom is visited daily by customers.

Cost-Benefit Analysis Shows IPI Has An Excellent ROI

BY DAN CLARK

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Recently, the Iowa Department of Corrections has measured the Return On Investment (ROI) to taxpayers for criminal justice programs utilizing the "Results First" model, a nationally recognized, peer-reviewed tool developed by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. IDOC calculated the ROI for various Iowa adult offender programs, including Iowa Prison Industries.

Cost-benefit analysis allows policymakers to make informed decisions about the effectiveness of programs and policies, and in compare the monetary benefits of a program or policy against costs over a period of time. If the benefits outweigh the costs, a program policy is considered cost-effective. The Results First model is capable of examining the effect of reducing the average daily prison population and increasing the money saved into evidence-based criminal justice programming. The intent of the model is to allow policymakers to test different combinations of program and policy decisions to make the best use of taxpayer dollars, while protecting citizens and improving public safety.

In the model, costs and benefits are estimated over a ten year time period and expressed in constant 2011 dollars (i.e., life-cycle, present values). The cost data and benefit calculations are based on actual case data. Benefits include the state and local government savings as a result of a program that reduces future crime, such as arrest, prosecution, jail, and corrections supervision. They also include crime victim benefits that are the monetized value of avoided victimizations as a result of the program, for example medical and mental health care expenses, property damage and looking to purchase our products and services. With sales of the majority of our standard products plus a host of custom-designed prisms, the showroom demonstrates IPI diversity, flexibility and commitment to quality and service.

The Iowa Department of Corrections is committed to evidence-based practices, and this report represents the first product of the Iowa Results First Model. The report was prepared by Littlie Puhl, Director of Research, Iowa Department of Corrections and Sarah Witten Caiganes, research assistant. The complete report is available at http://www.doc.state.ia.us/research.asp.

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Multipurpose Outdoor Classroom

Existing Campus

Campus Expansion

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“We dig down to understand why they do what they do. Then we rebuild them so they don’t leave here and do the same things,” Wachtendorf said. “We try to teach them healthy coping mechanisms. We want to break the cycle. We want them to be positive role models with their children so the patterns aren’t repeated.”

Warden Patti Wachtendorf
1. RESTORATION PARK
   - Contributes to the health and well-being of the Mitchellville community and the ICW staff
   - Offers an improved wildlife corridor and overall ecosystem functions
   - Provides a shelterbelt for the ICW campus
   - Creates an attractive setting for art installations

2. DECOMPRESSION DECK
   A place where Correctional Officers & ICW Staff can take a break or share stories about their day

3. VISITOR COURTYARD
   Provides an outdoor space that allows for personal interactions between the offenders and their guests as well as a play area for offenders with children

4. OVERLOOK
   The best place to take in the sunset or await the arrival of loved ones for visiting hours

5. OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS
   The multi-purpose outdoor classroom areas will serve many functions:
   - Educational classes
   - Small or large group counseling sessions
   - Informal gatherings
   - Large plays and performances

6. THE PARKWAY
   Provides a place to exit the fire lane. In the space, offenders can enjoy the view or connect with others in small groups. The position of the seating direct ones attention outside of the fence to the stream corridor beyond.

7. COMMUNITY & PRODUCTION GARDENS
   The plots in the community garden mimic a home garden. Both gardens offer places where the offenders can learn vocational life skills to support successful reentry.

8. GREENHOUSES
   Used for production propagation & vocational training.

9. RECREATION COURTS
   Courts for a variety of activities provide more extensive recreational opportunities

10. THE GROVE
    Provides a quiet respite & a space for yoga and meditation.

11. THE HERB GARDEN LABYRINTH
    Combines the healing powers of aromatherapy with those associated with walking a labyrinth. The labyrinth may be used to support counseling.

12. TREE NURSERY
    Vocational training opportunity for Minimum Levelout population. The offenders will learn how to grow trees that will be used throughout the site.
“The collaboration with the students has allowed the D.O.C. to provide female offenders with an amazing therapeutic environment that promotes personal growth, provides opportunities to heal both emotionally and medically, allows for accepting responsibility for their past actions, improving their education levels and participating in cognitive restructuring programs designed to reduce the rate of recidivism.”

- Director Baldwin, Iowa Department of Corrections
“Working with the design team, staff and offenders at ICIW for the past two years has been a life-changing experience. It has been an honor to be part of such a unique project and exciting to have our design built.”

Garret Munch - Student Designer ISU ‘12
“We’ve really learned how design translates into construction. It’s helped us think about how something will be constructed and experienced,”

Student Reflection
“I had never stopped to consider who was behind bars but after working with the offenders, I realize that they may have committed a crime but they are still people.”

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