

Report on California's Most Successful Rehabilitation Program Approved by Prison Industry Board

Report documents the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) Career Technical Education (CTE) program has lowest recidivism rate, enhances public safety and provides savings to government at every level.

The Prison Industry Board unanimously approved the "Report to the Prison Industry Board, Career Technical Education Programs, Fiscal Years 2007-08 to 2010-11" at their quarterly meeting on November 16, 2012.

The report documents that cumulatively, CALPIA CTE graduates have a recidivism rate of 7.13 percent, the lowest level of any offender rehabilitation program.

The recidivism cost avoidance from the CALPIA CTE program is over \$10 million.

Additionally, the CALPIA CTE Construction Services and Facilities Maintenance Enterprise has saved state and local governments \$2.5 million in project cost avoidance since 2007.

The CALPIA CTE program was the first of its kind in the nation to partner an offender rehabilitation program with trade unions in a way that serves the rehabilitative needs of offenders. Today, the program also provides a well-trained labor force for maintenance and construction projects at reduced cost to state and local governments.

Read the full report here:

http://www.calpia.ca.gov/pdf/Public_Affairs/PIB_CTEducation_Assessment_Report_Nov12.pdf

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