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California Prison Industry Authority Maintains Self-Sufficiency and Profitability

SACRAMENTO – The California Prison Industry Board unanimously approved the 2015/16 Annual Plan for the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA).

http://www.calpia.ca.gov/pdf/Public_Affairs/2015-June/Annual_Plan_2015-16.pdf

The Annual Plan outlines CALPIA's operational expectations for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015. The Annual Plan contains a balanced budget and is CALPIA's best projection of revenues and expenditures at the time the plan was developed. The Annual Plan takes into consideration known changes in the economy, legislation, the State Budget Act, and CDCR inmate populations.

The Annual Plan includes revenues of \$214.9 million (M), an increase of 7.7 percent (\$15.3 M) from the 2014-15 Mid-Year Revise (MYR). All CALPIA operations and expenses are funded, including \$3.2 M to fully fund 12 Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. The Annual Plan estimates employing an average of 6,057 offender positions and 376 CTE program participants for a total of 6,433 offender assignments. The Annual Plan funds 884 civil service positions, a reduction of 4 positions from MYR. CALPIA will have an operational presence in 34 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions by December 31, 2015.

The revenue increase consists primarily of a \$5.7 M increase in Construction Services and Facilities Maintenance (CSFM) enterprise due to the full implementation of the Healthcare Facilities Maintenance (HFM) program at all CDCR institutions.

The California Penal Code Section 2801(c) requires CALPIA to operate a work program for state offenders which will ultimately be self-supporting by generating sufficient funds from the sale of products and services to pay all the expenses of the program, and one which will provide goods and services which are or will be used by government entities, thereby reducing the cost of its operation.

CALPIA is a self-supporting state entity that provides training and productive work assignments for offenders in California. CALPIA receives all of its revenue from the sale of the products it manufactures. The recidivism rate among CALPIA's programs is 26-38 percent lower than the general prison population, a success attributed to the job skills and industry certifications obtained by participating in the program.