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California Prison Industry Authority Grows as a Self-Sustaining Business, While Helping Rehabilitate More Offenders

SACRAMENTO – The California Prison Industry Board unanimously approved the 2016/17 Annual Plan for the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA).

http://www.calpia.ca.gov/pdf/About_PIA/AnnualRpt_2016-17.pdf

The Annual Plan outlines CALPIA's operational expectations for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016. 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 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) offender populations.

The Annual Plan projects revenues of \$232.2 million (M), an increase of 8.1 percent (\$17.3 M) from the 2015-16 Mid-Year Revise (MYR). All CALPIA operations and expenses are funded, including \$4.0 M to fully fund 18 Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. CALPIA's CTE programs have some of the lowest recidivism rates in the State, with a cumulative recidivism rate of 7.13%.

The Annual Plan includes 6,597 offender positions statewide and 488 CTE program participants for a total of 7,085 offender assignments. The Annual Plan funds 1,226 civil service positions, an increase of 250 positions from the MYR. Of these, 230 positions are associated with the Healthcare Facilities Maintenance (HFM) expansion. The revenue increase consists primarily of a \$13.6 M increase in Construction Services Facilities Maintenance (CSFM) enterprise due to the expansion of the HFM program at 34 CDCR institutions.

CALPIA invests in curriculum for offenders, offering 124 nationally recognized accredited certifications. All assigned offenders must complete their GED education requirements or achieve a high school diploma within two years of initial CALPIA assignment.

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 CDCR offenders. CALPIA receives all of its revenue from the sale of goods and services it produces. 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.