
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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Iowa State Industries Revolving Fund

Purpose

The purpose of Iowa State Industries, also referred to as Iowa Prison Industries (IPI), is to provide work training opportunities for inmates. Iowa Prison Industries oversees traditional Industries' programs, private sector employment, and the prison farms. Iowa Prison Industries is self-funded and operates without General Fund support. In FY 2016, IPI returned more than \$1.9 million to the Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions and the State General Fund. Products and services are only available for purchase by government agencies, school districts, nonprofit groups, and employees of these organizations. Sales will not generally be solicited from the general public. The vision of IPI is to provide a meaningful work opportunity for every offender, and its mission is to be a self-sufficient program that positively impacts offender lives, reduces recidivism, and provides valued products and services to its customers.

Fund Created

Iowa Code section 904.813 creates the Iowa State Industries Revolving Fund to maintain and operate IPI work programs. Receipts from the sale of merchandise are deposited in the Fund. Expenditures include operating costs, such as direct payments to vendors for purchase of raw materials and capital equipment used in manufacturing processes; wages and benefits of IPI staff; stipends to offenders; and per diem and expenses of the Iowa Prison Industries Advisory Board. The year-end balance carries forward to the next fiscal year and interest earned on the balance remains in the Fund. Prison farm operation receipts and expenses are not included in the Industries Revolving Fund, but kept in the Revolving Farm Fund created in Iowa Code section 904.706.

Traditional Prison Industries

Iowa Prison Industries includes the following programs at the institutions:

- Anamosa State Penitentiary: braille transcription, custom woodworking, filters, housekeeping/laundry, graphic arts (printing, binding, and mailing), license plates, metal furniture, and signs. This institution also has the business and customer service offices for IPI.
- Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility: dorm furniture.
- Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison: wood furniture and rice hull packaging.

More Information

Department of Corrections: www.doc.iowa.gov/

Iowa Prison Industries: www.iaprisonind.com

Fiscal Topic: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FT/673918.pdf

Iowa Prison Industries Annual Report:

www.iaprisonind.com/downloads/annualrep/IPIAnnualReportFY2016.pdf

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- Newton Correctional Facility: centralized canteen or commissary. The canteen is governed by Iowa Code section 904.310.
- Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville: panels and seating, textiles, and plastics.
- North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City: welding and metal products.
- Fort Dodge Correctional Facility: textiles.

Private Sector Employment

Private sector employment of inmates is managed by IPI in compliance with federal and State law (Iowa Code section 904.809). The Department of Workforce Development establishes the prevailing wage that inmates must be paid. Private sector employment is available at the following locations:

- Newton Correctional Facility: printing.
- Clarinda Correctional Facility: cargo trailers.
- North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City: telemarketing, truck service bodies, trailers, and silk-screening.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [904](#)

Iowa Code sections, [904.310](#), [904.706](#), and [904.813](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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