

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



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. IPI oversees traditional Industries' programs, private sector employment, and the prison farms. IPI is self-funded and operates without General Fund support. In FY 2015, IPI returned \$1.6 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 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 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 – wood and metal furniture, chemicals, printing, Braille transcription, license tags, signs, and filters. This institution also has the business office for IPI.
- Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility – wood furniture.
- Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison – wood furniture and mattresses.
- Newton Correctional Facility – centralized canteen or commissary. The canteen is governed by Iowa Code section [904.310](#).
- Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville – chairs, upholstery, modular office systems, textiles, compact disc (CD) archiving, picture frames, data entry, chemicals, plastics, embroidery, and garment printing.
- North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City – welding, assembly, and painting.
- 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](#)
[201](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/default.asp>

Iowa Prison Industries: <http://www.iaprisonind.com/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

Fiscal Topic: [Iowa Prison Industries - Private Sector Employment Program](#)

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