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Correctional Training Institute Goes Green

NEW CASTLE, INDIANA (June 17, 2011): The Indiana Department of Correction's (IDOC) Correctional Training Institute (CTI) is strategically advancing forward with plans to achieve "Green Initiative" goals consistent with the IDOC's "Greening" of facilities.

Lighting costs are among the most significant expenses of IDOC facilities. Maintenance staff have installed "LED" lighting systems in 67 exit lights throughout the facility. The LED technology provides more illumination, increased efficiency, and reduced labor costs resulting in a projected savings of over \$830.00 per unit over a 12 year period. The projected savings for 67 units is \$55,610.

Another approach to reducing lighting costs includes the installation of 32 (F54T5HO) fluorescent lighting units in one classroom which encompasses over 4,800 square feet. The 54 watt lamps are highly efficient with an average lamp life of 20,000 hours, resulting in a huge savings especially in the number of labor hours changing bulbs.

CTI staff are in the process of evaluating approaches to further accomplish "Going Green". Several staff from the training institute attended the first "National Symposium on Sustainable Corrections: Cost Practices and Re-entry" which was held in Indianapolis June 13-16. The IDOC took a leadership role with greenprisons.org in bringing the symposium to Indiana.

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