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IDOC Central Office Recommended for Re-accreditation

Indianapolis, IN (March 17, 2011) – Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Bruce Lemmon announced yesterday that IDOC’s Central Administrative Office is being recommended for re-accreditation with the American Correctional Association. Central Office scored a perfect 100 percent on mandatory standards and a 99 percent on non-mandatory national standards established for correctional administration, following a visit by two independent auditors.

Auditors Jim Allen, from Michigan, and Richard Bazzle, from South Carolina, spent two days touring the office, speaking with staff, examining documents, and observing practices for compliance with 138 applicable standards. ACA standards represent the current best correctional practices associated with the care, custody, and management of offenders.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Bazzle, both retired corrections professionals, were impressed by IDOC staff’s professionalism, performance, and level of expertise. Both men have performed past audits at other IDOC correctional facilities, and were pleased to return to Indiana.

During the close-out briefing with Department staff, Jim Allen commented, “Commissioner Lemmon has an extremely fine group of staff here at Central Office who he should be very proud of.”

Commissioner Lemmon thanked staff for their hard work leading up to the audit. “This is a great achievement for the Department and a true testimony to the outstanding staff that we have here in Central Office. Indiana is getting closer to obtaining accreditation at all of our correctional facilities, an achievement only a handful of other states have accomplished. This is thanks to IDOC staff who come to work every day, committed to improving public safety for the citizens of Indiana.”

The auditors will send their final report and recommendations to ACA for review. The Department will be notified during the next ACA Conference in August if the re-accreditation was granted. With this re-accreditation comes the responsibility of completing an IDOC audit once a year and meeting the standards and passing an ACA re-accreditation audit every three years.

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