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Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) partners with Army Program IDOC and U.S. Army Partnership for Youth Success (PaYS) program join forces to assist transitioning Soldiers with civilian opportunities

Indianapolis, IN (April 8, 2014) – Today the Indianapolis Department of Correction cemented its agreement with the U.S. Army Partnership for Youth Success (PaYS) Program. The U.S. Army Partnership for Youth Success (PaYS) Program is a strategic partnership between the US Army and a cross section of corporations, companies, and public sector agencies to reconnect America with its Army. More specifically, PaYS Partners guarantee transitioning soldiers an interview and possible employment after the Army.

The signing ceremony conducted in the main auditorium of the Government Center South building included remarks from several dignitaries including the IDOC, U.S. Army and Indiana State Personnel.

“This is a special day for me,” stated Commissioner Bruce Lemmon. “Two and a half years in the military prepared me for a successful career with the DOC. It’s an exciting time for the IDOC. Some of the best employees come from a military background.”

“We have approximately 500 vacancies in our Department and I would love to fill them all with current reservist, former or retired soldiers. They’re a perfect fit for our paramilitary command structure,” said IDOC Deputy Commissioner of Operations James Basinger, who is also a retired Command Sergeant Major with the National Guard and United States Marine Corps.

“The State of Indiana is a proud employer of veterans throughout our state and at all levels of employment. With this elevated relationship with the U.S. Army, the State utilizes a ready source of candidates who are motivated, well-trained and efficient leaders. This is a win-win partnership for all involved,” added Denny Darrow, Director of State Personnel.

“The Army is committed to helping our Soldiers achieve a lifetime of success and working with partners like IDOC gets us further toward that goal,” announced Lt. Colonel Michael McClendon Commander of Recruiting Battalion Indianapolis.

Since its inception in October 2000, the program has grown to over 500 private companies, corporations and public sector agency partners and helped influence over 140,000 Regular Army Soldiers and 32,000 Army Reserve Soldiers to join the US Army. IDOC became the 534th partner in this national program.

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