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## **IDOC to Better Serve Marion County Offenders during Re-Entry**

INDIANAPOLIS (August 12, 2010) – The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) is announcing plans to relocate offenders from the Indianapolis Men’s Community Re-Entry Center (IMCRC) located in downtown Indianapolis to the Liberty Hall residential facility.

Liberty Hall is a minimum security facility privately operated by Community Education Centers, Inc. Liberty Hall will provide all re-entry and educational services for approximately 150 IDOC work release offenders from Marion County and provide the Department with the option to expand work release to an additional 150 offenders if needed in the future. The new address for the Indianapolis Men’s Work Release will be 675 E Washington Street Indianapolis, Indiana.

In addition to this move, the Indianapolis Parole District 3 office which is now located at 512 East Minnesota Street Indianapolis, IN will be moving to the former IMCRC location at 448 West Norwood Street.

The move of IMCRC allows the Department to reduce its daily cost of housing by \$17 per offender. The results of these measures will allow the Department to save the state approximately \$1 Million from moving Parole District 3 and additional annual savings associated with housing work release offenders at Liberty Hall.

The changes involved with these two moves will result in no loss in employment. All employees who presently work at IMCRC will now report to other local IDOC facilities in the Indianapolis area.

“As always, the Department is working diligently to be efficient, while promoting successful re-entry to our Indiana communities. In completing this task, we strive to make changes that will ultimately make our local communities safe. The changes that are soon to be implemented both accomplish these goals and allow taxpayer dollars to be shifted to other areas of the agency where they can be better utilized”, stated IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss

These moves address the issue of expanding work release in Indianapolis and shift the services delivered by Indianapolis Parole to an area which is accustomed to male offenders commuting via public transportation and it is located away from any school operations.

The Department is looking at options for the building on East Minnesota where Parole District 3 is currently located.

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