

# SCDC Division of Industries



*“ Making A Difference For South Carolina “*



## Where can I get more information ?

### Internet Site:

<http://www.doc.sc.gov/pubweb/programs/pi.jsp>

### Catalogs:

[http://www.doc.sc.gov/pubweb/programs/div\\_industries\\_060816.pdf](http://www.doc.sc.gov/pubweb/programs/div_industries_060816.pdf)

### Sign Shop:

<http://www.doc.sc.gov/pubweb/programs/SCDCSignShop.pdf>

[www.scdcindustries.sc.gov](http://www.scdcindustries.sc.gov)

**NEW! Division of Industries now can accept payments by credit card for their services.**

<https://ssl.sc.gov/checkout/PrisonIndustries/>

### Showroom Location on

### SCDC Complex

**4444 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29221**

**Tel: 803.896.8516 or 800.922.8121**

## How are incarcerated offenders wages earned and distributed ?

**Division of Industries (DI)** provides a wide array of products and services ranging from printing services to high-quality office furniture and is available to governmental entities, school districts and not-for-profit organizations through three program areas called Traditional, Service and PIE. **DI** now serves over 500 client organizations.

## Two programs where incarcerated offenders can earn wages are.

**Service:** Incarcerated Offenders can earn wages on an hourly or piecemeal rate (subject to mandatory deductions)

**PIECP:** Incarcerated Offenders are paid the higher of either the federal minimum wage or the prevailing wage of the local area for the particular jobs they perform.

## MANDATORY DEDUCTIONS

- 20 % Crime victims compensation
- 25 % Cost of incarceration **OR**
  - 35 % Child Support
- 10 % Mandatory savings

## Mission:

- Provide occupational and personal development training for incarcerated offenders
- Reduce recidivism rates
- Provide quality products and services
- Support a strong SC economy while serving its citizens

## What does the Division of Industries do ?

The Division of Industries (DI) serves the SC Department of Corrections and the state by employing and training incarcerated offenders. This training oriented work allows the incarcerated offenders to return to society with skills that will enable them to become useful and productive citizens. In pursuit of this objective, the cost of incarceration is offset through incarcerated offenders wages by the sale of quality products and services we provide to qualified businesses and organizations at substantial savings.

### How does the program work ?

**Traditional:** Incarcerated offenders manufacture goods and provide specific services for qualified agencies and non-profits.

**Services:** : In accordance with SC Code of Laws 24-1-290 & 24-1-295, incarcerated offenders repair, replace original manufactured items, package, sort, recycle, label and provide similar work that is not original equipment manufacturing.

**Prison Industries Enhancement (PIE):** A federally certified prison industry program that places incarcerated offenders in realistic work environments, pays them prevailing wages, and gives them a chance to develop marketable skills that will increase their potential for rehabilitation and meaningful employment on release.

## Who can purchase from the Division of Industries ?

**Traditional::** State, county and municipal offices, school districts, and nonprofit organizations ((501(c)(3))

**Services::** Programs are generally performed through contracted private sector partnerships so products are not for general resale.

**PIECP:** Programs are performed through contracted private sector partnerships so products are not for general resale.

**2015-16 State Appropriations Act includes a proviso that directs:** All agencies funded in this act, when procuring goods and services, shall first consider contracting for services or purchasing goods and services through the Department of Corrections' Division of Industries Program.

### What products and services are available ?

- > Office Furniture
- > Modular Units
- > Library Furniture
- > Office Chair
- > Signs
- > Detention Items
- > Awards
- > Custom Work
- > Re-upholstery
- > Framing
- > Printing
- > Dorm Furniture
- > Plaques
- > Clothes
- > Pictures

## What are the benefits ?

**Vocational Training:** Fabrication, welding, carpentry, upholstery, framing, printing, computer skills, warehousing, inventory management, paint and powder coating.

**Soft Skills:** Teamwork, punctuality, responsibility, meeting deadlines, communication, flexibility, problem solving.

### Benefits go beyond training and skills.

In FY 2015, incarcerated offenders participating in Division of Industries work programs contributed \$1,667,251.51 to victims and victims programs.

In FY 2015, incarcerated offenders participating in Division of Industries work programs offset costs associated with their room and board in the amount of \$1,401,346.51.

In FY 2015, incarcerated offenders participating in Division of Industries work programs were able to send \$960,530.77 in child support payments to pay for their dependent children.

Incarcerated offenders who participate in Division of Industries work programs return to prison at a lower rate than those that do not. The recidivism rate for industries incarcerated offenders was 15.3 % in 2012 compared to an overall recidivism rate of 24.9% that same year.