

SCDC INDUSTRIES SERVICE PROGRAM

SERVICE SUMMARY

SCDC Industries employs incarcerated offenders, through certification of the South Carolina Department of Commerce. Incarcerated offenders work voluntarily, earning hourly or piecemeal rates and deductions taken from gross wages to include taxes, victim restitution, court-ordered child support, room and board and mandatory savings.¹

BENEFITS OF PROGRAM

Service programs allow private industry to establish joint ventures with state and local correctional agencies to repair, package, sort, recycle, label, as well as replacement of OEM parts or similar work that is not original equipment manufacturing, utilizing inmate labor (per criteria below and certified). Incarcerated offenders are paid either hourly or by a piecemeal rate, established in the contract between the State and industry partner.

Incarcerated offenders gain work skills which assist them in obtaining employment upon release. They also receive soft skills training and receive a wage with a mandatory savings for a portion that is given to them upon release, assisting with building their new life. Recidivism is reduced and less idle time is spent, making prison a safer environment.

AUTHORITY

The program is certified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce. It is governed by the South Carolina Code of Laws 24-1-290 and 24-1-295.

SERVICE PROGRAM CRITERIA

Service programs operate under contracts and renewals, with no unfair competitive wage disadvantage to the local economy. It maintains objections to public notice for three (3) years, with a public notice for two (2) weeks in the local media and then a forty (40) day wait period from the last notice. Corrections works with an outside contractor (industry). Negotiated wages are outlined in 24-1-295¹.

¹Reimbursement outlined in Code of Law 24-1-295