



## BRIEFING SHEET

### EDUCATION BRIEF

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As part of the IDOC's focus on systemic enhancements, the Division of Education and Treatment has effectively fostered strong working relationships with public and private partners. The efforts provide the very best and most cost-effective ways to enhance the opportunities for offender success in reconnecting to their communities in the areas of education, employment, and community safety. The highlights of these continued partnerships to make Idaho a better place are as follows:

#### Resource Development

- ◆ 134 computers and related equipment were donated to enhance or add web design and computer classes statewide
- ◆ 90.7% (\$838,482) grant funded budget, 9.3% (\$65,000) from general fund
- ◆ In conjunction with National Institute of Corrections, Offender Workforce Development Specialist Training

#### Public Partnerships

- ◆ Vocational Rehabilitation provides equipment, safety gear, and education materials for several initiatives.
- ◆ Continued partnerships w Idaho colleges and universities to include LCSC, BSU, ISU, U of I, and EITC on various projects.
- ◆ Effective collaboration w/Dept of Labor and Commerce to align program options with Idaho changing employment landscape
- ◆ Long-standing partnership with Dept of Education and Professional Technical Education

#### Private Partnerships

- ◆ Habitat for Humanity-offender assisted house projects
- ◆ Premier Technology-partnership to develop mobile welding training site and equipment

### Overview of IDOC education programs



#### Academic

- ◆ 499 GED's (482 GED and 17 HSD) were obtained in FY2009
- ◆ 2,712 offenders participated in educational programs
- ◆ 3,586 offenders participated in Literacy Education

#### Vocational

- ◆ 1,877 offenders participated in workforce readiness training
- ◆ Adhere to National Center for Construction Education Requirements (NCCER) Standards for all vocational programs
- ◆ Implemented new programs for heavy equipment operation, landscaping and irrigation, culinary arts and Correctional Industries apprenticeship
- ◆ HVAC, masonry and facilities maintenance classes added at ICC

#### Programs

**Welding:** (collaboration with Lewis Clark State College)

- ◆ Expanding offering to female offenders

**Carpentry:** (collaboration with Habitat for Humanity and Boise State University)

- ◆ 23,885 volunteer hours were contributed to building homes for Habitat for Humanity

**Office Management:** (collaboration with Idaho State University)

- ◆ LearnKey Program for Microsoft Office Skills enhancement

**Machinist Basics:** In collaboration with BSU/Boise School Dist



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