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**APCTO welcomes new individual member** – Steven Ferst of Tallahassee is the newest individual member of APCTO. Steven previously served as contracts counsel for the Florida Department of Corrections. Ferst, who has joined the Public Affairs Committee, can be reached at [sferst@twalaw.com](mailto:sferst@twalaw.com).

**Iowa prison report recommends \$250 million in new construction** – According to a study presented to state officials, Iowa's prisons and community corrections programs need more than \$250 million in new construction to accommodate future growth and to replace out-of-date facilities.

A draft study calls for major upgrades at state prisons at Fort Madison, Mitchellville and Newton and improvements in community corrections facilities.

**Hawaii DOC nominee rejected by state senate** -- The Hawaii Senate has rejected Governor Linda Lingle's appointment of Iwalani White to head the State's Department of Corrections. Ms White had been serving in the post on an interim basis for the past seven months.

**California Prop 36 study results a disappointment** -- In a study of the results of California's Proposition 36, which called for drug treatment rather than jail time for substance abuse violators, UCLA found that more than 25% of those sentenced to treatment never show up and that more than half do not complete the rehab program.

California has invested more than \$600M in the program, which allows most offenders three chances to complete rehab before they must serve jail time.

**Montana Senate approves 31% increase in corrections budget** – The Montana State Senate has approved a \$351M budget proposal for the Department of Corrections. The increase would pay for nearly 500 new prison or prison-related beds; a new pre-release center in northwestern Montana; new methamphetamine-treatment programs; 36 new probation and parole officers; and a new treatment program for sex offenders.

**Implementation of the PREA continues** -- Efforts by officials of both public and private corrections facilities to implement the provisions of the Prison Rape Elimination Act continue. For its part, APCTO hosted a presentation by Ms. Cynthia

Totten, Senior Policy Associate of Stop Prison Rape at its January meeting in conjunction with ACA.

Stop Prison Rape has issued a new update on this important subject. The report can be found in the research section of the APCTO web site at [www.apcto.org](http://www.apcto.org) or by going to the SPR link at [http://www.spr.org/pdf/SPR\\_PREA\\_update\\_3-29.pdf](http://www.spr.org/pdf/SPR_PREA_update_3-29.pdf).

**Long-time corrections official reconfirmed** -- “A.T.” Wall has been reconfirmed by the Rhode Island Senate as director of the Department of Corrections.

**Federal Facility at Taft, California stays under private management** – The Federal Bureau of Prisons has announced that the 2048-bed facility at Taft, California will remain a public-private correctional partnership; albeit, under new management. In a re-bid competition, a 10-year contract has been awarded to APCTO member **Management and Training Corporation**. MTC will replace APCTO member **The GEO Group Inc**, which opened the facility in 1997.

**Governor and Legislature reach prison agreement in California** -- In an effort to ease overcrowding, the California Legislature has approved the largest single prison construction program in the nation's history and agreed to send 8,000 inmates to out-of-state facilities. The plan would cost \$8.3 billion and add 53,000 beds.

Governor Schwarzenegger has signed the bill.

**Federal funding for housing illegal aliens being delayed** – State and local jurisdictions across the US are still waiting for \$405M dollars Congress promised last year to help pay the cost of locking up illegal immigrants.

The delay has burdened budgets from California and Texas to Massachusetts and Michigan as counties wait to recoup money they spent as long as two years ago.

**North Dakota Legislative Committee to study question of remodeling or new construction** – A committee of six state lawmakers will spend \$250,000 and take a year to study whether to remodel the State’s existing prison or build a new one. The provision was inserted into a bill, which includes other issues making it difficult for the Governor to reach it with a veto.

**Baldwin to head Iowa DOC** -- John Baldwin, a state prison administrator for the past three decades, was appointed by Gov. Chet Culver as director of the Iowa Department of Corrections.

Baldwin, 57, a Fort Dodge native, has been acting corrections director since Gary Maynard resigned in January to become Maryland's secretary of public safety and

correctional services. Baldwin has been a state prison employee since 1977 and has been deputy director for administration since 1983.

**MTC opens new jail in Texas** – County and city leaders dedicated a new private prison in Henderson, Texas. The facility, built by APCTO member **Management and Training Corporation**, will house male and female prisoners from all over the state. The firm spent \$16 million to build the 127,000 square foot East Texas Intermediate Sanction Facility. The maximum capacity for the facility is 1,160 prisoners.

**Former Florida corrections officials sentenced** – Allen Clark, a former regional director in Florida's Department of Corrections has been sentenced to 31 months in prison. In a related action, a Federal judge sentenced former Florida Secretary of Corrections, James Crosby, to eight-years in a Federal Prison.

Crosby and Clark pleaded guilty last July to accepting \$130,000 in kickbacks from American Institutional Services, a company that sold snacks and drinks to prison visitors on weekends.

**Pennsylvania DOC names new Deputy Secretary** -- Kathleen Gnall, a 12-year employee of the Department of Corrections, has been appointed as the agency's deputy secretary for reentry and specialized programs.

Gnall will oversee inmate assessment and treatment programs, inmate education and vocational training, the community corrections system, victim services and the planning, research, evaluation and grants program.

**California Highway Patrol seeks to end prison connection** – The union representing the CHP is filed to disassociate itself with the union representing correctional officers in the state. CHP organizers feel the salary linkage in the labor agreement does not allow the state to bargain in good faith with them.

**New study on the challenges associated with drug treatment in a prison environment** -- This study examines the challenges involved with delivering effective drug treatment in prisons and explores possible solutions. The abstract can be downloaded at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/abstract.aspx?ID=239509>.

**GEO wins long-awaited federal contract in Laredo** – APCTO member, **The Geo Group, Inc.** has announced the signing of a contract with the Office of the Federal Detention Trustee for the development and operation of a 1,500-bed facility to house U.S. Marshals Service prisoners in Laredo, Texas.

The Facility is scheduled to be opened in the fourth quarter of 2008. The contract has an initial term of five years with three five-year renewal option periods, for a total contract term of 20 years. GEO estimates that the contract will generate approximately \$36.0 million in annual operating revenues.

**GEO to expand facility** – APCTO member **The GEO Group, Inc.** has also announced that the State of Mississippi has approved a 500-bed expansion of the GEO-managed 1,000-bed East Mississippi Correctional Facility located in Meridian, Mississippi. GEO currently manages the Facility, which is owned by the East Mississippi Correctional Facility Authority under a 5-year contract, inclusive of renewal options, with the Authority for the housing of inmates confined to the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

The 500-bed expansion is expected to be opened in the fourth quarter of 2008.

**Cornell buys Brush Colorado facility** – APCTO member **Cornell Companies, Inc.** has entered into an agreement with GRW Corporation to acquire GRW's facility in Brush, Colorado. The Brush Correctional Facility currently houses approximately 270 medium-security female inmates under an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Brush and the Colorado Department of Corrections.

According to Cornell, the GRW program is an incremental addition to the contract Cornell was awarded by the Colorado Department of Corrections in June 2006.

**New statistics on drug offenses** -- According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of inmates serving time in state prisons for drug offenses rose by 57,000 from 1997 to 2004, but drug offenders maintained the same percentage (21%) of the prison population during the period. Federal prisoners serving time for drug offenses during the same period declined from 63% to 55%.

The same report provided the following statistics:

- 1 in 4 violent offenders in prison committed their offense under the influence of drugs
- 1 in 3 property offenders reported that drug money was their motivation
- Half of drug dependent inmates in State prisons reported three or more prior sentences
- Participation in drug abuse programs in both state and federal prisons is rising.