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**IDOC Expands the Use of Educational Tablets to Adult Offenders**

INDIANAPOLIS – Today the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) and the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) announce the selection of Global Tel Link (GTL) as the vendor with whom they will ~~to~~ begin negotiations towards a contract that will provide technology solutions for corrections facilities. The agreement would permits GTL to provide tablets and related support services for IDOC's adult offenders.

Upon completion of successful contract negotiations, GTL will provide IDOC a system that utilizes a tablet computer-based platform, a vendor provided network, and kiosks able to deliver digital content including educational materials and offender services. Per the award, GTL will provide proprietary tablets, kiosks, network, software, banking, and tech support for its solution, which must be secured for use only in a correctional environment.

"These tablets will be used by an offender population who needs exposure to the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy because they will likely be released from prison," explained Executive Director for Adult Facilities Bill Wilson. "Providing these tablets in a controlled environment will allow offenders access to educational materials using technology that is expected in today's workforce, better preparing them for eventual re-entry."

The educational platform allows IDOC to provide content of its choice, such as post-secondary educational and self-paced educational programs. Depending on good behavior, offenders will also be able to purchase music, movies and games for a fee, with IDOC receiving an administrative fee, which is used to fund other initiatives. No taxpayer dollars will be used in this contract.

Additionally IDOC will have the ability to load its own applications, including those for offenders to file grievances, order commissary, and conduct secure electronic messaging. The GTL tablets will be tamper-resistant and equipped with other security features for operating within a closed secure network. The tablet will have no ability to connect to the internet, or any social media platforms such as Facebook or Twitter.

In 2014 IDOC entered into a similar agreement with New York-based American Prison Data Systems to provide comparable tablets to its juvenile female population located at the Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility in southeast Indiana. When this contract is finalized, Indiana will joins several other states including Alabama, California and Pennsylvania, which have upgraded their curriculum delivery strategy by digitizing education and therapeutic services for adult offenders.

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