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IDOC and Plainfield Partnership Produces Savings

Indianapolis, IN (August 3, 2011) – The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) is getting out of the water and sewage utility business, thanks to the Town of Plainfield. Beginning today, Plainfield will take over ownership and operation of a water treatment facility and two existing wells formerly used by the IDOC's Plainfield Correctional Complex and the Law Enforcement Academy.

Prior to the changeover in service, the three facilities located at the Plainfield Complex (Plainfield Correctional Facility, Plainfield Short Term Offender Program (STOP) Facility, and Reception Diagnostic Center), provided their own water and sewage service, pumping water out of the wells and operating the water filtration plant.

The benefits to both the State and Plainfield are numerous. By adding IDOC as a new customer, Plainfield is able to maintain slow stable rates without any water or sewer rate increases for existing customers. Through this partnership, the IDOC will hand over the property that the current water treatment facility and wells are located on to Plainfield, adding a potential increase in the town's water supply for future growth.

IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon stated, "This new public partnership with Plainfield is a win-win for both the town and our facilities. We have a great opportunity to not only save taxpayer dollars, but also improve services for the local community. IDOC and Plainfield have been good neighbors for some time, and this project reflects our continued cooperation."

Town Council President Robin Brandgard said, "Plainfield and Department of Corrections have had a long history of cooperation and collaboration on numerous projects. This newest initiative includes an additional source of water, land for future well sites, additional rights of way along Moon Road and land for more pedestrian trails."

Some of the sewage pipes date back to the civil war when the Indiana Boys School, now the STOP facility, first opened. The sewer replacement and rehabilitation project will cost approximately \$4,260,000. The estimated value of "regained" sewer capacity to the Plainfield wastewater treatment plant is around \$2,800,000. This regained capacity comes about by removal of clear water, both ground water and rain water, from the old sewers which feed to the town's sewer plant. Clear water will go to the storm drains once the new sewer system is built.

The IDOC will now get a consistent monthly utility bill estimated to save \$2,680,000 over 20 years. The Department also avoids future capital costs related to replacement or upgrade of the existing water plant, estimated at \$1,200,000.

The project design and build began in July 2011 and is anticipated to take 18 months to complete. The project design was completed by Butler, Fairman and Seufert Engineers out of Indianapolis, and construction will be completed by Bowen Engineering Corporation, also out of Indianapolis.

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