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New Castle Correctional Facility Annex Dedication

NEW CASTLE, INDIANA (March 1, 2012) – The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC), in coordination with The GEO Group Inc., hosted a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly built New Castle Correctional Facility Annex on February 29, 2012 at the Correctional Training Institute.

Michael Zenk, Superintendent of New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF), welcomed dignitaries and guests noting “the New Castle Correctional Facility Annex is a major accomplishment for GEO, the Indiana Department of Correction and Indiana. The project is an example of excellent cooperation and partnering between GEO, the IDOC, local government, business and service providers.”

“I would like to extend my appreciation to the State of Indiana and the IDOC for such a great partnership” said John Hurley, Senior Vice President and President of GEO Corrections. He went on to say “I would like to give special thanks to the City of New Castle and Henry County for their support in this project.”

IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon spoke briefly of the history of New Castle Correctional Facility and how the Annex developed to fruition. Commissioner Lemmon noted “the Annex serves a vital function of providing 512 beds for the state in a maximum security capacity. The success of GEO and the IDOC is reflected by the leadership of the Superintendents and Executive Staff.” Mr. Lemmon offered special thanks to Matt Barnes, Vice President of HUNT Construction Group, and HUNT Construction Group for their accomplishments.

Mayor Greg York, City of New Castle, thanked GEO and the IDOC saying, “We are excited about GEO and the IDOC, and what the New Castle Correctional Facility and the Annex has brought to the New Castle community.”

Executive Director Missy Modesitt, New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, reported that the “New Castle Correctional Facility provides over 600 jobs to the New Castle-Henry County area.” Modesitt noted that NCCF has supported the local community by donating over \$30,000 to various organizations over the past few years.

“We would like to offer our thanks to the local business community” said Matt Barnes, Vice President - HUNT Construction Group. He noted that “teamwork equals success” and that NCCF demonstrated the “Hoosier work ethic.”

Construction broke ground on the 512-bed high security annex on April 13, 2011 and brings the facility’s total capacity to 3,196 beds.

The project, which was estimated to cost approximately \$23 million, was funded by GEO who operates NCCF under contract with the IDOC. GEO expects that the expansion will bring an estimated 66 new jobs to the New Castle Correctional Facility.

More than 130 guests attended the dedication and were treated to tours of the New Castle Correctional Facility Annex and the Reflections of Pride: History of the Indiana Department of Correction Museum following the dedication.

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