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**National Organization Recommends Indiana Prison for Reaccreditation**

PLAINFIELD, IN – For the last three years, the Reception Diagnostic Center (RDC) has prepared for this. Today, staff are proud to announce that, after three days’ of intense inspection and evaluation, a visiting committee from the American Correctional Association (ACA) has recommended RDC for reaccreditation to the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections.

On Tuesday, September 11, 2018, a specially selected committee of correctional professionals from across the country arrived at RDC to conduct the reaccreditation audit. The committee reviewed facility files, toured the entire site, and studied all aspects of the facility’s operations. They also spoke with both staff and offenders about day-to-day operations, and even ate the same meal as the offenders.

The visiting committee reports RDC was compliant with 100% of mandatory standards and 97.5% of non-mandatory standards, a higher score than the previous reaccreditation audit in 2015. The next step for Warden Craig Grage is to appear before the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections at the ACA Winter Conference in January for the final vote on reaccreditation.

“This reaccreditation by the standard-setting American Correctional Association demonstrates the professionalism of our staff at RDC,” said Rob Carter, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction. “I am extremely pleased with this outstanding result.”

Grage attributed the successful audit to the strength and dedication of the staff of RDC and emphasized the teamwork necessary to achieve reaccreditation.

The Indiana Department of Correction is proud to be one of only 22 states to have achieved and maintained the ACA’s Golden Eagle status. This award is only presented to Departments of Correction who have achieved ACA accreditation at 100 percent of their facilities, including Central Office and Parole.

For more than 147 years, the American Correctional Association has championed the cause of corrections and correctional effectiveness. Founded in 1870 as the National Prison Association, ACA is the oldest association developed specifically for practitioners in the correctional profession. During the first organizational meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, the assembly elected then-Ohio Governor and future President Rutherford B. Hayes as the first President of the Association. The mission of the Association is to shape the future of corrections through strong, progressive leadership that brings together various voices and forges coalitions and partnerships to promote the concepts embodied in its principles.

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