



Arizona Department of Corrections Inmate Labor

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Work and Rehabilitation Program

- The Arizona Department of Corrections (DOC) desires to implement the requirement that each able-bodied inmate under commitment to the Department shall engage in work activity during such term of imprisonment
- Prisoners are highly-motivated and positive about being out working
- Inmates develop skills that can be used after imprisonment
- Crew sizes are a minimum of seven persons
- Lunches are provided by the DOC
- Transportation is not provided by the DOC
- Inmates are serving sentences for non-violent, DUI-related crimes



Transportation

- Inmates come from ASP Florence West located in Eloy
- Workers will be transported to and from the Eloy prison each day by a Maricopa staff member
- The University of Arizona Agricultural center may partner in transportation responsibility
- The City of Maricopa has vans capable of transporting eight people; however, a dedicated van will likely be needed in the future



Supervision

- Public Works employees receive training prior to rotating as crew leaders
- One Public Works employee shall be with the work crew at all times
- A correctional officer will conduct security checks twice daily
- Participants in the work program will receive training to complete various tasks



Types of Tasks Performed

- Crack sealing asphalt cracks
- Weed abatement
- Tree trimming
- Erosion repair
- Cleaning illegal dumping and alleys
- Painting curb bullnoses, sidewalk railings, and pavement markings.
- Cleaning storm drain infrastructure and washes
- Sign maintenance



Benefits to Maricopa

- Labor rates are expensive whether tasks require skill or not. On average:
 - Contract labor: \$60.00/man hour
 - City employee: \$40.00/man hour
 - Inmate labor: \$00.50/man hour
- Frees City staff to perform more skilled tasks
- Replaces labor contracts, saving \$200,000 in the first year



Other Jurisdictions/Entities

- In or around Maricopa:
 - University of Arizona Maricopa Agricultural Center
 - Hickman's Family Farm
 - Arizona Department of Transportation
 - Pinal County
 - Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Outside Maricopa:
 - Maricopa County Department of Transportation
 - Cities of: Phoenix, Coolidge, Casa Grande, Chandler, Tucson, Bisbee, Douglas



Questions?

