

# Historical Highlights

The State Legislature established Arizona Correctional Enterprises (ARCOR) in 1981 for the purpose of employing inmates.

After its first five years of operation, a comprehensive review of all aspects of the business was completed; the results initiated a complete overhaul and restructuring of the business and operating guidelines. Subsequently, in 1987 the State Legislature replaced ARCOR with Arizona Correctional Industries (ACI) under the authority of the Director of the Department of Corrections.

This new enterprise, although part of a State Agency, was expected to run like a private business with revolving cash funds generated through the sales of goods and services.

In order to reach this goal, the Legislature provided \$2.1 million for Arizona Correctional Industries with the stipulation that it become self-supporting by July 1, 1989. This date was eventually extended to July 1, 1991.



**1988**  
Douglas Sewing  
Opened

**1989**  
Hog Farm, Slaughter  
House and Dairy  
Closed



**1990**  
ACI moves to  
1918 W. Van Buren

**1991**  
ACI becomes  
Self-Sufficient