

Benefit To The State

Arizona Correctional Industries supports the Mission and Vision of the Arizona Department of Corrections by creating work opportunities for inmates that have proven to reduce the State of Arizona recidivism rate. ACI programs differ from other work programs managed by the Department of Corrections as ACI positions tend to mirror more closely product manufacturing or service activities in the private sector and in some cases provide more marketable skills for eventual private sector employment. ACI achieves these goals by developing partnerships with the Department of Corrections, State Agencies, Municipalities, and School Districts, Private Sector business and other partners and alliances throughout the State of Arizona. These partnerships create demand for ACI products and services that create revenue growth and inmate employment at each of the ACI owned and operated shops and enterprise programs.

The utilization of inmate time and labor has a direct and positive impact on the State of Arizona budget. The employment of state workers through ACI's program, as well as the employment of inmates, contributes to our communities. Inmate wage deductions go to the State General Fund, victim and court restitution, and family support. As the State of Arizona faces budget challenges and high unemployment rates, ACI provides a steady source of funding and new job opportunities for Arizona businesses. These contributions come from two areas: raw materials and services that ACI purchases from Arizona businesses and consumer expenditures generated as a result of ACI related employment.

The Arizona State University, WP Carey School of Business; Seidman Research Institute, 2012 fiscal year study reports that Arizona Correctional Industries (ACI) contributed \$187,430,000 to Arizona's economy. More notable was the creation of an estimated 2,080 jobs within the State of Arizona economy.

ACI contributed to Arizona's centennial this year when the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association, the world's oldest and largest nonprofit organization devoted to researching, collecting, and promoting license plates bestowed an award of which all Arizona can be proud.



“Arizona Wins America’s Best License Plate Award.” This national contest has honored the top plate each year since 1970. The Automobile License Plate Collection Association has overwhelmingly voted that Arizona has the best plate in the United States.

Bill Beckett MVD Distribution Manager states *“ACI deserves as much credit as anyone else on this plate design award. You guys work hard for us and always strive to ensure we get the best possible plates. Congratulations to you and your team as well.”*