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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS**  
**ANNOUNCES GREEN CORRECTIONS CHALLENGE COMPETITION**  
**Federal Agency Fosters Innovation in Green Corrections**

WASHINGTON — The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announces the launch of the Green Corrections Challenge, a national competition whose aim is to gather environmentally friendly solutions to criminal justice problems in corrections. The challenge promotes innovation in corrections and encourages the use of green practices and programming throughout the nation’s prisons, jails, and community corrections facilities.

The Green Corrections Challenge lays the foundation for future green corrections work. It helps the field develop a knowledgeable corrections workforce that can adapt to the challenges of the nation’s need for green solutions to complex problems, and it supports partnerships between correctional organizations and the communities they serve. The challenge aims to drive innovation through competition in the field.

“Through the challenge, we’re looking for innovative green practices that can be replicated nationwide,” says Robert Brown, Acting Director of NIC. “We’re encouraging submissions that highlight strategies in cost containment as well as savings on energy and waste. We want solutions that can help corrections increase its use of green practices and better support America’s communities and our future.”

The challenge requires entrants to create a presentation addressing green corrections in one of four categories:

- **Correctional facilities.** Entries include solutions for energy use and efficiency, water and waste management, recycling programs, construction, and other facilities management practices.
- **Education and training.** Entries highlight programs that provide offenders with the relevant skills, competencies, and credentials they need to support their transition to employment in a greener economy.
- **Reentry programs.** Entries address sustainability efforts ranging from:



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- Creating core business strategies for sustainable production.
- Developing strategic partnerships with communities and businesses.
- Producing and distributing environmentally friendly products and services.
- **New green corrections concepts.** Entries propose new green skills and competencies or new green programs in an area not addressed in the other three challenge categories.

Each entry should explain or demonstrate a proposed green practice, outline how it could be implemented, and explain its potential benefit to the community. Only one presentation from each category will be selected as featuring the most innovative idea. Winners will receive the opportunity to share their green corrections innovation in a webinar hosted by NIC.

For more information and to view the official rules of the Green Corrections Challenge, visit [www.nicic.gov/greencorrectionschallenge](http://www.nicic.gov/greencorrectionschallenge).

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The National Institute of Corrections is a center of learning, innovation, and leadership that shapes and advances effective correctional practice and public policy. More information about NIC can be found at [www.nicic.gov](http://www.nicic.gov).