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Public Works Programs of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) may pursue public works programs consistent with state statute by engaging in public service activities and projects that serve and benefit a public purpose. These activities may require the utilization of state resources and inmate labor. Projects may take place on public property or on private land as provided by law. Any projects on private land must serve a public purpose benefiting the public as a whole. The agency director of ODOC will ensure that written policies and procedures are maintained for the proper utilization of state resources and that all approved activities are for the purpose of a public benefit. (2-CO-5A-01, 5-ACI-7A-04, 4-ACRS-6D-01)

I. Prisoner Public Works Projects (PPWP)

A. Assignment of Inmates

As authorized by state law, inmates under the custody of ODOC may be assigned to municipalities, counties, or other state agencies or political subdivisions, and the federal government and its agencies for the purpose of working on projects that benefit a public purpose.

B. Procedures

Procedures governing this process address and include the following:

1. Contract agreements for Public Works Programs;
2. Criteria for selection and exclusion of inmates to be assigned; and
3. Monitoring and accountability measures to ensure contract compliance and proper utilization of the state's resources.

II. References

57 O.S. § 510.A.18.

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57 O.S. § 215. et seq.

74 O.S. § 1001. et seq.

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III. Action

The agency director is responsible for compliance with this policy.

The agency director is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this policy statement will require prior written approval of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections.

This policy is effective as indicated.

Replaced: Policy Statement P-090200 entitled "Public Works Programs of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections" dated March 24, 2021

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