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South Bend Community Re-entry Center Recommended for Accreditation

South Bend, IN (November 29, 2010) – The South Bend Community Re-entry Center (SBCRC) has been recommended for accreditation after receiving high praise following the completion of an extensive audit by a Visiting Committee from of the American Correctional Association (ACA).

During the exit briefing, SBCRC was determined to be in 100% compliance with 33 applicable mandatory standards and 99.5% compliant with 198 applicable non-mandatory standards.

The audit team spent three days touring facility grounds, reviewing policies, procedures and practices, observing staff, and interviewing offenders. Each operational and program area was evaluated to determine whether compliance with applicable standards was evident. The audit team was extremely complimentary of staff, the operation of the facility and the programs provided. The audit chairperson stated: “My regards to your staff and congratulations on your excellent audit!”

SBCRC Superintendent Greg Cress commented, “SBCRC staff did an outstanding job, achieving a near perfect score with standards compliance.” “The importance of maintaining high standards is critical to the integrity of community based correctional programs as we continue to emphasize the successful re-entry of offenders.”

Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Edwin G. Buss thanked facility staff for their hard work, “This accreditation confirms the commitment and professionalism of the employees at the South Bend Community Re-entry Center in their excellence in operating and maintaining the facility.”

The facility will appear before an American Correctional Association Hearing Panel in January 2011 for confirmation of the three-year accreditation.

About the South Bend Community Re-entry Center

SBCRC began as an IDOC work release facility in 1975 and currently houses a capacity of 108 offenders. SBCRC is the only state re-entry facility that operates a level 1 Re-entry Education

Program as well as a Work Release Program. The facility is combined with the District 8 Parole Office.

About the Indiana Department of Correction:

The Department employs over 7,000 employees and houses 29,000 adult and juveniles in 27 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's internet home page can be found at:

<http://www.in.gov/idoc>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found at:

<http://www.in.gov/reentry>.

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