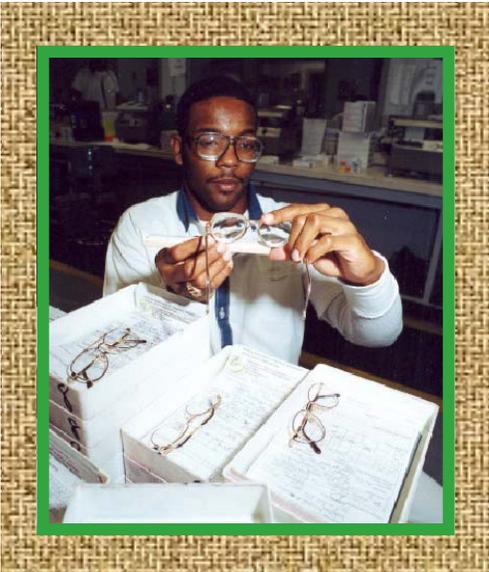
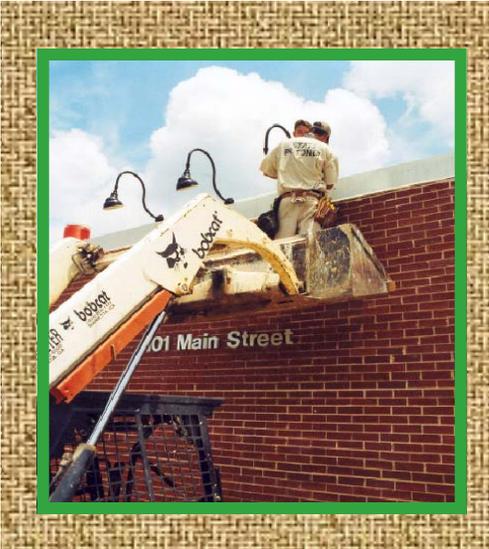


BENEFITS

“Take 5”: A benefit to both the employer and the ex-offender.



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The Georgia Department of Corrections is committed to working with Georgia businesses to provide job opportunities for ex-offenders who are returning to our communities. These Georgia citizens are looking for another chance to become productive, tax paying members of society.

As part of a coordinated response to reentry, the Corporate "Take 5" program provides a bridge for ex-offenders to become an essential part of the work force. Your partnership in this program will help ensure the smooth transition of these men and women while simultaneously providing you with qualified, skilled workers.

The goal of the program is to have Georgia businesses sign up initially to "Take 5" returning ex-offenders as employees. We are confident that after seeing their performance, you will want to hire more.

Benefits:

- DOC utilizes nationally recognized assessment tools to ensure right fit
- Businesses receive pre-screened and often pre-trained employees
- Employers may participate in selection of the 5 candidates.
- Both the ex-offender and the community benefit from this program
- Federal benefit programs exist for employers hiring ex-offenders

The Georgia Department of Labor offers two employer friendly benefits you may receive for hiring ex-offenders most in need of employment.

- ◆ **The Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) *** makes up to \$2,400 available to employers who hire ex-inmates and others who may have difficulty in obtaining employment.
- ◆ **The Federal Bonding Program *** offers fidelity bonding insurance for new hires who may be denied commercial coverage.

Facts you should know:

- One in 15 adults in Georgia is currently under some type of correctional supervision: Probation, Incarceration, or Parole.
- Ninety-nine percent of the more than 50,000 individuals incarcerated in the Georgia Prison system will eventually return to our communities.
- For these ex-offenders there must be a path to employment in order to ensure their successful re-entry into society.

