Overview

The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) has contracts with two private companies, The GEO Group, Inc. and Corrections Corporations of America (CCA), that house 5,376 state offenders.

- In 1997, the GDC entered into a contract with CCA to build and operate private prisons in Alamo, Millen and Nicholls.
- In 2011, the GDC entered into a contract with the GEO Group to build and operate a private prison in Milledgeville.
- At each facility, the Department has a full-time Private Prison Monitor on-site.
  - Oversees the facility’s operations to ensure that all contract conditions are met.
  - Oversees the facility operates with a continuous focus on sanitation, safety and security.
- Offenders housed at these facilities work on full-time details and are afforded the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of educational classes and counseling programs.

Corrections Corporation of America

BACKGROUND

- Full service corrections management provider
- Specializes in the design, construction, expansion and management of prisons, jails and detention facilities as well as inmate transportation services through its subsidiary company TransCor America.
- Fifth largest corrections system in the nation.
  - Oversees more than 80,000 inmates.
  - Owns more than 60 facilities through the United States.
- Partnerships with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals Service and Immigration and Custom Enforcement.

FACILITIES

-Owns and operates the following three facilities:

Coffee Correctional Facility, Nicholls

- Opened in 1998
- Male, medium security facility
- Maximum population by contract is 2,628
- Maximum capacity by bed space is 3,032
- Accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) and by the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) in 2005 as required by contract.
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for emergency assistance maintained with Wheeler Correctional Facility, Jenkins Correctional Facility, and McRae Correctional Facility. The MOU is also maintained with law enforcement, fire departments, and hospitals in Coffee and Bacon Counties.
- Staffing at the facility:
  - Command/Command Post - 6 duty officers
  - SORT members - 18
  - Training - 1
  - Transport - 1
  - Certified Officers - 235
  - DOC staff (Contract monitor) - 1

- Inmate Programs offered:
  - GED, Computers, CDL, Electrical, Masonry, School of Christ, Life Principles Program, Canine Program and various Case Manager facilitated groups mandated by the state.
  - Community Impact
    - Employs 400 citizens from Coffee and surrounding counties.

Jenkins Correctional Facility, Millen

- Opened in 2012
- Male, medium security facility
- Maximum population by contract is 1,150
- Maximum capacity by bed space is 1,186
- Accredited by ACA and Federal PREA certification.
- MOU for emergency assistance maintained with Wheeler Correctional Facility, Coffee Correctional Facility, Rogers State Prison, Smith State Prison, Coastal State Prison and Augusta State Medical Prison. The MOU is also maintained with law enforcement, fire departments, and hospitals in Jenkins County.
- Staffing at the facility:
  - Command/Command Post - 4 duty officers
  - SORT members - 11
  - Training - 1
  - Transport - 3
  - Certified Officers - 123
  - DOC staff (Contract monitor) - 1

- Inmate Programs offered:
  - GED, computers, plumbing, faith-based, second chance greyhounds, and bonds of trust (BOTS) programs as well as various Case Manager facilitated groups mandated by the state.
• Community Impact
  • Employs 207 citizens from Jenkins and surrounding counties

Wheeler Correctional Facility, Alamo
• Opened in 1998
• Male, medium security facility
• Maximum population by contract is 2,638
• Maximum capacity by bed space is 3,102
• MOU for emergency assistance maintained with Wheeler Correctional Facility, Jenkins Correctional Facility, and McRae Correctional Facility. The MOU is also maintained with law enforcement, fire departments, and hospitals in Wheeler and surrounding counties.
• Accredited by the ACA and MAG
• Staffing at the facility:
  • Command/Command Post - 6 duty officers
  • SORT members - 18
  • Training - 2
  • Transport - 8
  • Certified Officers - 235
  • DOC staff (Contract monitor) - 1
• Inmate Programs offered:
  • GED, CDL, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing, Horticulture, Performance Incentive Credit (PIC) Dorm, Higher Ground, Life Principles Program, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Thinking For a Change (T4C), Motivation for Change (M4C), Reentry Skills Building, Matrix Early Recovery Skills, Family Violence, Matrix Relapse Prevention, Fatherhood Program, Art Skills, Veterans Appreciation Dorm, Lifer’s Program, Auburn K9 Program, Georgia Tech Braille Program, Wounded Warriors Knitting Program and guitar lessons
• Community Impact:
  • Employs 400 citizens from Wheeler and surrounding counties

The GEO Group

BACKGROUND
• Established in 1984
• The world’s leading provider of correctional, detention and community reentry services

• First fully-integrated equity real estate investment trust specializing in the design, development, financing, and operation of correctional, detention, and community reentry facilities worldwide
  • Owns 98 facilities with 79,000 beds
  • Oversees 18,000 employees around the globe
  • Locations of facilities: United States, United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa
  • First state contract was established in 1987 with California

FACILITIES
• Owns and operates the following facility:

Riverbend Correctional Facility, Milledgeville
• Opened in December 12, 2011 on state-owned land
• Male, medium security facility
• Maximum population by contract is 1,500
• Maximum capacity by bed space is 1,588
• Accredited by ACA and MAG
• Staffing at the facility:
  • Duty officers - 7
  • Training - 1
  • Transport - 2
  • Correctional Officers - 176
  • DOC staff (Contract monitor) - 1
• Inmate Programs offered:
  • GED, Adult Basic Education, Literacy Remedial Education, Re-entry, Special Education, T4C Pre-Release, M4C, MRT, Matrix, PIC program, Computer Technology, HVAC and Administrative Office and Support Specialist
• Community Impact
  • Employs 304 citizens from Baldwin and surrounding counties
  • Donates approximately $1M to support charities, schools and college scholarships to students in its communities across the country.