



# PRIVATE PRISONS

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. At each facility, the Department has a full-time Private Prison Monitor on-site that oversees the facility's operations to ensure that all contract conditions are met and that 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.

## MISSION

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects the public by operating safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

**Timothy C. Ward**, Commissioner  
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## CORECIVIC

### 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

## CORECIVIC OWNS AND OPERATES THE FOLLOWING THREE FACILITIES

### *Coffee Correctional Facility, Nicholls*

- Opened in 1998
- Male, medium-security facility
- Maximum population by contract is 2,630
- Maximum capacity by bed space is 2,812
- Initially accredited by the American Correctional (ACA) and the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) in 2000, and as required thereafter
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for emergency assistance are maintained with multiple state and private facilities. MOUs are also maintained with local 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 LDM, & multiple certified instructors, Transport- 8, Certified Officers- 242, DOC staff (Contract Monitor)- 1
- Inmate programs offered: GED, Ashland University courses that offer Associate's and Bachelor's degrees, Computers, Wiregrass Technical College courses that offer degrees in Welding and Diesel Mechanics, CDL, Electrical, Masonry, Threshold Faith-Based Program, Canine Program, and various Risk Reduction 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 1,576
- Maximum capacity by bed space is 1,226
- 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, Georgia State Prison, Montgomery 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- 6, Certified Officers- 123, DOC staff (Contract monitor)- 1
- Inmate programs offered: GED, computers, plumbing, Threshold Faith-Based program, Second chance greyhounds, Go Further, and various Risk Reduction groups mandated by the state
- Community impact: Employs 211 citizens from Jenkins and surrounding counties

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## CORECIVIC *continued*

### **Wheeler Correctional Facility, Alamo**

- Opened in 1998
- Male, medium-security facility
- Maximum population by contract is 2,779
- Maximum capacity by bed space is 2,967
- MOU for emergency assistance maintained with Coffee 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 ACA and MAG
- Staffing at the facility: 394.5, Command/Command Post- 6 Duty Officers, SORT Members- 18, Training- 2, Transport- 8, Certified Officers- 230, DOC staff (Contract Monitor)- 1
- Inmate Programs Offered: GED, ABE, Literacy and Remedial Reading (LRR), Carpentry, Masonry, Plumbing, Horticulture, Welding and Joining Technology, Diesel Truck Maintenance, Auburn Canine Program, OJT Program, Ashland University, Brewton Parker College, Law Library Services, Higher Ground, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Thinking For a Change (T4C), Motivation for Change (M4C), Reentry Skills Building, Matrix Relapse Prevention, Art Skills, Veterans Appreciation Dorm, Lifer's Program, Problem Solving Program, Alcoholics Anonymous, Sex Offender Program, Victim Impact, Go Further
- Community Impact: Employs 400 citizens from Wheeler and surrounding counties

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## THE GEO GROUP

### BACKGROUND

- Established in 1984
- The world's largest leading provider of corrections, 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

### THE GEO GROUP OWNS AND OPERATES THE FOLLOWING FACILITY

#### **Riverbend Correctional Facility, Milledgeville**

- Opened 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 Reading, reentry, special education, T4C Pre-release, M4C, MRT, PIC program, computer technology, HVAC and administrative office, and support specialist
- Community impact
- Employs 304 citizens from Baldwin and surrounding counties

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