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IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES
DAN CLARK, DIRECTOR

To: IPI Advisory Board
From: Dan Clark
Date: October 17, 2017
Re: Recommendation to approve two offender employment projects

The IPI Advisory Board is asked to approve offender employment projects at Riverbend Industries (Victor, IA) and West Liberty Foods (Mount Pleasant, IA), following the requirements of IAC 37.9(8):

37.9(8) Prison industries advisory board review.

a. Following approval by the director of corrections, the deputy director of prison industries shall forward the final proposal to the prison industries advisory board with the recommendation to approve or disapprove the work program, including all correspondence from the department of workforce development, the Department of Justice, and any local official who has offered comments.

b. The deputy director of prison industries shall provide written documentation to the prison industries advisory board confirming that the proposed work project will not displace civilian workers. If displacement occurs, the deputy director of prison industries shall advise the private employer that the employer will be given 30 days to become compliant or the department of corrections will terminate the use of offender labor.

Both projects have been approved by the Director of the Iowa Department of Corrections, and I recommend that the Board approve both projects as well.

Attached please find related correspondence from Iowa Workforce Development, the U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Iowa AFL/CIO.

Please note that the projects have been given provisional approval by the DOJ – BJA, and that the Iowa AFL/CIO has been asked to provide specific evidence of displacement within 90 days.

Also attached please find documentation confirming that the proposed work projects will not displace civilian workers, including results of statewide Job Orders placed with IWD, local unemployment rates, and commitment letters from the employers.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Clark".

Daniel J. Clark, Director
Iowa Prison Industries

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List of Enclosures

Pertaining to both projects:

1. Email correspondence from BJA giving provisional approval to both projects.
2. Email correspondence from Iowa AFL/CIO opposing the use of prison labor in Iowa.

West Liberty Foods

3. Approval by DOC Director Jerry Bartruff
4. PIECP application
5. Minutes of meeting with local County Board of Supervisors (and one news article)
6. Notification letter to organized labor
7. Notification letter to local businesses
8. Project review by Iowa Workforce Development, including local unemployment rate, results of Job Orders placed with IWD, wage survey data, and baseline civilian employment levels.
9. Project letter from IPI.
10. Project letter from employer.
11. Notification letter to Governor's office, legislators and others.

Riverbend Industries

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Clark, Daniel <dan.clark@iowa.gov>

RE: Julius - can you help with the approval of two new CACs in Iowa ?

1 message

Dupree, Julius (OJP) <Julius.Dupree@usdoj.gov>

To: "Clark, Daniel" <dan.clark@iowa.gov>

Cc: "Qazilbash, Ruby (OJP)" <Ruby.Qazilbash@usdoj.gov>, "Searby, Susan (OJP)" <Susan.Searby@usdoj.gov>, "Wil Heslop (wil@Nationalcia.org)" <wil@nationalcia.org>

Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 3:17 PM

Hello Dan,

BJA provisionally approves the Cost Accounting Centers (CACs) for West Liberty Foods and Riverbend Industries. As a condition of the provisional approval, BJA has determined that Iowa Prison Industries must follow-up with AFL-CIO to determine if there is any documentation or evidence of displacement will take place as a result of these two new CACs. Please provide AFL-CIO with a 90 day period to provide this information. Please note that if AFL-CIO provides information that substantiates displacement as a result of these two CACs, BJA will need to re-examine these CACs to determine whether they are in compliance with PIECP non-displacement requirement. Please work with Wil Heslop from NCIA for specific guidance regarding the provisional approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Julius Dupree

Julius C. Dupree, Jr.

Policy Advisor

U.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance



Clark, Daniel <dan.clark@iowa.gov>

Re: Proposed Offender Employment Projects - West Liberty Foods and Riverbend Industries

1 message

Ken Sagar <ken@iowaafcio.org>

To: "Clark, Daniel" <dan.clark@iowa.gov>

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 2:30 PM

Dan,

Our board had a lengthy discussion on this and the subject of prison labor in general.

We have serious concerns about the potential for displacement of private or public sector workers. We clearly are not in favor of citizens being displaced by prison labor.

I think it is safe to say we oppose these programs and would prefer to see prisoners getting education, counseling and job training assistance in the correctional facilities across this state.

Far too many employers are saying they can not find workers, when they really mean, we can not find workers willing to work for meager pay and few if any benefits.

The Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO goes on record in opposition to use of prison labor in Iowa.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ken Sagar

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 1:14 PM, Clark, Daniel <dan.clark@iowa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ken -

I'm resending the letters regarding West Liberty Foods and Riverbend Industries with the following added statement:

"As worker displacement determinations have become more difficult for IWD to ascertain, we encourage you to advise us of any evidence that this PIE program has caused any free world worker displacement in the Mt. Pleasant / Victor, IA area"

We were asked to add this statement because IWD does not make a ruling on displacement for these projects.

Thanks and best regards,

Dan