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The Oklahoma Department of Corrections will actively pursue public works programs consistent with state statute by engaging in public service activities and projects that serve and benefit a public purpose. These activities may require the utilization of state resources and offender labor. Projects may take place on public property or on private land as provided by law. Any projects on private land must serve a public purpose benefiting the public as a whole. The director will ensure that written policies and procedures are maintained for the proper utilization of state resources and that all approved activities are for the purpose of a public benefit. (2-CO-5A-01, 4-4452, 4-ACRS-6D-01)

I. Prisoner Public Works Projects (PPWP)

A. Assignment of Offenders

As authorized by state law, offenders under the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections may be assigned to municipalities, counties, or other state agencies or political subdivisions, the federal government and its agencies, and Oklahoma Indian tribes, for the purpose of working on projects that benefit a public purpose.

B. Procedures

Procedures governing this process address and include the following:

1. Contract agreements for Residential Prisoner Public Works Programs;
2. Contract agreements for Nonresidential Prisoner Public Works Programs and Inter-local Cooperation Act Agreements;
3. Criteria for selection and exclusion of offenders to be assigned; and
4. Monitoring and accountability measures to ensure contract compliance and proper utilization of the state’s resources.

II. References

57 O.S. § 510A (15)

57 O.S. § 215 et. seq.

74 O.S. § 1001 et. seq.

Title 170, O.A.C. Chapter 10

III. Action

The director is responsible for compliance with this policy.

The director is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this policy statement will require prior written approval of the Board of Corrections.

This policy is effective as indicated.

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