

# YOU... are the Key to Our Success!

By purchasing UNICOR products and services, your procurement dollars help us reshape lives.

**PRISON** • Not the end-of-the-line...  
but the path to a new beginning.

**SUCCESS** • UNICOR's life-changing program remains a solid building block for the thousands of men and women who release into our communities each day.

## What We Do:

UNICOR, known more formally as Federal Prison Industries, Inc., is a Federal Government program and component within the Department of Justice, engaged in sound business practices, offering over 100 products and services in 80 Federal Supply Classifications for sale primarily to the Federal Government.

## Why We Do It:

UNICOR's true output, however, is the men and women in federal custody who will be more likely to return to society as law-abiding, taxpaying citizens, given the job and life skills training received while participating in the UNICOR program.



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# The Straight Facts...

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### Socio-Economic Impact

\$0

Taxpayer dollars received for its operations.  
UNICOR is self-sustaining!

24%

Percentage of former offenders less likely to recidivate as a result of participating in UNICOR/vocational training programs (vs. counterparts without such experience).

Approximate annual cost to house a federal offender. When inmates do not re-offend, these cost savings are passed on to taxpayers.

\$29K

40,000+

Approximate number of federal offenders returning to our communities, annually.  
Most will, one day, return to society.

# 3X

An unemployed ex-offender is three times more likely to return to prison than one who is gainfully employed.

Approximate number of inmates on a voluntary waiting list to work in UNICOR.

# 25,000

# \$1-2 MIL

Approximate amount federal offenders contribute yearly from UNICOR earnings to meet financial obligations such as court-ordered fines, child support, and victim restitution. Many also send a portion of their pay home toward family support.

# 20,000+

Number of federal offenders served by UNICOR annually.

Percent of ex-offenders more likely to find and maintain employment (vs. others without UNICOR/vocational training experience).

# 14%

# \$8K-\$9K

Estimated cost, per inmate, for additional alternative programming, in absence of UNICOR.

# \$4.63

Amount saved in future criminal justice costs in relation to each dollar spent on correctional industries programs (taking into account arrest, conviction, incarceration, post-release supervision, and crime victimization costs) due to a reduction in recidivism.\*

# 50%

Approximate portion of UNICOR's revenue spent on the purchase of raw materials, supplies, equipment and services from the private sector. Over half are typically from small, women-owned, minority and/or disadvantaged businesses.

## Other Realities

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# 1 in 28

One child in 28 has a parent behind bars, and often struggles with anxiety, depression, learning problems and aggression which undermines his/her own chances for success.

# 200,000

Number of veterans serving time in our nation's prisons and jails. 7% of UNICOR's inmate workforce are veterans.