



Department of Corrections

License Plate Production

Overview of DMV Plate Production



- DOC has produced license plates for DMV since 1999
 - DOC produces every license plate for the state
- The production is done at Northwest State Correctional Facility and facilitated by incarcerated people
 - License manufacturing serves as a vocational training program and is a facility job (wage is \$0.25-\$1.25 hourly with a matched savings program)
 - Production is overseen by two DOC staff members
- DOC contracts with 3M to purchase production materials

License Plate Manufacturing Process



- 1) Blanking of plates
- 2) Addition of sheeting
- 3) Debossing
- 4) Inking
- 5) Baking
- 6) Quality Control
- 7) Boxing
- 8) Shipping/Delivery

2025 in Numbers



Number of DMV plates manufactured

- Singles (regular size): ~200,000
- Singles (small): ~6,777
- Pairs: ~300,000

Revenue:

- FY25 gross revenue: \$796,108
- FY25 net revenue: \$187,525
- Cash balance (as of 6/30/25): \$119,502

Implications of Single Plate Production



Production Impacts:

- DOC will have enough raw materials to last until ~FY28 without buying more (aluminum and sheeting)
- Production will remain the same
- Decreased revenue will create potential to outsource production from DOC
 - Loss of employment for incarcerated individuals (~11)

Financial Impact:

- Annual gross revenue loss of ~\$200,000-\$300,000



Questions?

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