With criminal justice reform a part of the national dialog, preparing prisoners with meaningful employment skills is a growing priority within the corrections environment. Among the many initiatives to address this issue in Michigan, Michigan State Industries (MSI) is a manufacturer operating within the Michigan Department of Corrections that has been providing work opportunities to prisoners since 1943, one of fifty such programs in the country.

MSI is regulated under the Correctional Industries Act of 1968 and is authorized to engage in manufacturing, sales and service to 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, governmental institutions, the federal government and tribal nations. MSI frequently turns down projects where they would compete with private sector businesses.

**Michigan State Industries (MSI)** provides products and services to customers as provided by law at prices that meet or exceed customer expectations, while providing professional growth opportunities for staff and marketable job skills to prisoners detained by the Department of Corrections.

MSI provides prisoners an opportunity to improve their workplace skills through employment assessments and certifications, and to participate in continuous quality improvement. MSI's focus is successful prisoner employment upon parole or release within Michigan with the goal to realize 0% recidivism through 100% employment for MSI parolees within 30 days.

MSI is self-supporting. It receives no funds from sources other than its own sales. Thus, MSI's success depends on producing quality goods and services delivered in a timely fashion to our customers at a fair price.

By decreasing recidivism rates, MSI's programs reduce costs to Michigan citizens, resulting in savings for both the judicial and corrections systems. And when adults in custody have productive activities to occupy their time, our prisons are safer. Perfecting marketable skills and being recognized for positive job performance are important components in rebuilding a person's character.

## **Print Shop**









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The MSI Print Shop employs skilled printing technicians and designers operating with the latest technologies. We are confident in their skills and seek opportunities for them to demonstrate their capabilities.

The MSI Print Shop offers traditional printing and production as well as design and layout services. The Print Shop is capable of designing and printing a wide range of items and publications:

- Booklets, Collating, Bindery
- Tri-fold Brochures
- Fliers, Mailers
- Newsletters
- A Full Range of Stationery Items
- Posters
- Padded Forms
- Multi-part Carbonless Forms

The Print Shop can also design or refine logos and other corporate identity elements to reinforce customers' brands. We also offer editorial services to assure that messaging is clear and presented with consistency and impact.

We request that customers provide electronic files for all projects. The Print Shop utilizes both Microsoft and Adobe publishing software. For jobs that are print-ready, we will review these files and prepare them for press to insure their integrity prior to printing. For projects requiring design or editorial services, we can also accept information in such formats as TXT, DOC, XLS, JPEG, PDF, or GIF. Together with layouts of the items as they are intended to appear, these files enable us to create initial designs for our customers' review and approval.

Think of our capabilities as you would those of any typical print shop. And then consider that by utilizing the services of the MSI Print Shop you will be helping individuals develop life skills that will prepare them to become successful, productive members of society.

For more information about the MSI Print Shop's capabilities visit the MSI web site at www.michigan.gov/msi.

MSI is "Building Bridges to Success" by providing real opportunities for Michigan adults in custody, educating and empowering them to become lawabiding, tax paying citizens through successful work skills training.

- We instill and promote a positive work ethic.
- We provide opportunities for prisoners to learn marketable skills and gain from experience.
- We contribute to the economic self-sufficiency of working prisoners and their families.

Through employment with MSI, prisoners at the Print Shop develop both hard (industry-specific) and soft (social) skills, preparing them for employment after incarceration.

## Soft Skills:

Decision Making Communication Teamwork Reliability Accountability Punctuality Adaptability Listening Literacy/Numeracy

## **Hard Skills:**

Press Operation
Machine Maintenance & Repair
Office Clerk
Project Management
Digital Press Operation
Finishing & Bindery
Graphic Design
Design Production

