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75 Years of Mission-Driven Support

Since World War II, the Department of Defense (DoD) has procured goods and services from Federal Prison Industries (FPI), also known as UNICOR, to support the Armed Forces and defense mission readiness. A component of the Federal



Bureau of Prisons, UNICOR is a wholly-government-owned and fiscally self-sustaining corporation established in 1934 by Executive Order 6917. It provides federal inmates with practical job experience in order to increase their prospects of becoming well-adjusted citizens when released from prison.

Facts and Figures

- UNICOR produces goods and services in over 80 federal supply classes at 109 U.S. factories
- Business sectors serviced by UNICOR: clothing and textiles, electronics, fleet solutions, industrial products, office furniture, recycling and services
- Exceeded the U.S. Small Business Administration's goal by almost 300% in FY2008, almost 62% of UNICOR purchases came from small and disadvantaged businesses
- In FY2008, UNICOR had \$854.3 million in net sales and \$3.1 million in net income and 77% of utilized revenue was for product purchases from private sector vendors
- In FY2008, 17% of the eligible inmate population (21,836) worked for FPI UNICOR has recycled 185 million pounds of electronic equipment and implements a successful reuse and recycling program

The DoD Connection with UNICOR

- "Go To War" products range from body armor and army combat uniforms to advanced combat helmets and EMP-shielded cables
- Fleet Solutions include retrofitted and re-manufactured HMMWVs, five-ton trucks, semi-tractor rigs, and other heavy vehicles
- In 2005 UNICOR received DLA's "Supporting the Warfighter" Award
- Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 8.6 and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 208.6 prescribe the applicable procurement policies and procedures
- UNICOR factories producing for the DoD are ISO 9001:2000-certified
- UNICOR subcontracts with defense prime contractors and partners with AbilityOne nonprofit agencies for cutting of military apparel fabrics
- UNICOR participates in the Operation Warfighter Program offering internship opportunities to wounded warriors recovering at Walter Reed Medical Center
- A DoD senior leader is a member of the FPI Board of Directors

Key Web Sites

DPAP Federal Prison Industries Section: http://www.acg.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/specific policy_areas.html#federal_prison

UNICOR Homepage: http://www.unicor.gov

