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East Texas Treatment Facility expanding again

Successful rehabilitation programming prompts state to increase capacity to 2280

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(HENDERSON, Texas) – The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) is again expanding the successful substance abuse treatment facility in Henderson, operated by Management & Training Corporation (MTC). Less than a year after awarding a 1312-bed expansion at the East Texas Treatment Facility (ETTF), TDCJ has awarded prison operator MTC more than 600 additional beds, to raise the total capacity of the facility to 2280 beds.

Already the largest secure licensed treatment center in the state, the new expansion will grow the site by 624 beds. All but 44 of the 2280 beds that will be operable by September 2009 are already under contract.

“MTC originally constructed this facility to improve inmate lives,” said East Texas Treatment Facility Warden, Mike Bell. “This facility is clearly demonstrating its success, which has led to a pair of major expansion requests from TDCJ. The more people we can serve with our rehabilitation programming, the better. Not only will more inmate lives be saved, but the growth will also allow MTC to hire more people and to serve the Henderson community even more.”

Work on the \$11.5-million expansion has already begun. Once construction is completed on the two new 70,000 square foot structures, the correctional facility will grow its employee total from 365 currently to more than 500.

ETTF inmates will continue to receive comprehensive treatment for drug and alcohol dependency. They will also enjoy educational opportunities, life skills training, library services, religious programs and specialized instruction in subjects ranging from AIDS prevention to parenting skills.

“We are grateful for this expression of confidence from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,” said MTC Sr. Corrections Vice President Odie Washington. “This is a validation of MTC’s continued ability to provide quality services in line with the goals and objectives of the state. MTC is proud of the leadership and hard work of those instrumental in making this growth possible, Warden Bell and Regional Corrections Vice President JC Conner.”

Last month, Texas State Representative Chuck Hopson (D-Jacksonville) and State Senator John Whitmire (D-Houston), Chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, joined more than 100 guests at the ETTF, to attend graduation ceremonies for the last group of the original 500 inmates who began the first In-Prison DWI Program in the state. They too expressed a desire to see the successful facility expand so more lives could be saved.

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