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Decision not to renew CNCC operations Contract will hurt Ontario taxpayers

Public-private partnership saved \$23 million over the first five years and would have saved \$11 million over the next five

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(**CENTERVILLE, Utah**) – Despite saving Ontario taxpayers millions of dollars each year – while providing quality programming, educational opportunities for inmates and innovative community partnerships – Management & Training Corporation Canada (MTCC) has learned its contract to operate the Central North Correctional Centre (CNCC) in Penetanguishene, Ontario will not be renewed.

“According to the Ministry’s own report, MTCC and its parent company, Management & Training Corporation saved Ontario taxpayers \$23 million during the first five years of operation (see attached Fact Sheet). Another \$11 million in taxpayer funds would have been saved in the coming five years, while inmates were educated in a safe and secure facility. This conclusively demonstrates the benefits to taxpayers and inmates of public-private partnerships in correctional facilities. We are quite disappointed by this decision because the Ministry had not indicated it was concerned about our operation of CNCC,” said MTCC President Scott Marquardt.

CNCC provides the same or better inmate care as CECC, and at a significant cost savings to Ontario taxpayers. CNCC created innovative partnerships with the Simcoe County District School Board for high school learning and it launched a very successful inmate bricklaying apprenticeship program in partnership with the School Board and Universal Workers Union Local 183. In the past two years CNCC graduated over 50 inmates with Grade 12 diplomas and 30 apprentice stone masons.

In addition, CNCC has had a fully functional medical unit capable of providing round-the-clock inmate health care since opening in November 2001. This unit has been so efficient, the Ministry has routinely transferred patients to CNCC from correctional facilities throughout Ontario, who required this level of care.

Central North Correctional Centre is also the only correctional facility in Ontario with prestigious accreditations from both the Correctional Education Association (2003) and the American Correctional Association (2004). These accreditations, from independent organizations, validate this facility as one of the best-run in Canada.

“I am proud of and grateful for the dedication and hard work of CNCC Facility Administrator Phill Clough and his tremendous staff,” Marquardt added. “We know they will carry out this transition period with the same professionalism they have demonstrated in operating the facility.

“We appreciate the opportunity the Ministry has given us to introduce public-private partnerships in corrections into Ontario. But we do not agree there was any evidence to support a change that will cost Ontario taxpayers millions of dollars each year. We look forward to the opportunity to some day again serve the citizens of Canada,” Marquardt concluded. MTCC will now assist the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in a six month transition, as CNCC becomes a publicly-operated facility.

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