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DOC Recognizes FeraDyne Outdoors for Leadership in Hiring Work Release Inmates

SUPERIOR – Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Assistant Deputy Secretary Patrick Hughes visited FeraDyne Outdoors to thank them for hiring 54 inmates in Gordon Correctional Center's work release program since June 2013, which includes 15 current participants. DOC's work release program allows minimum-security inmates to work at area businesses, earning the same wage as other workers and gaining valuable in-demand skills that they can use to find employment in the community when they are released.

The Department of Corrections had more than 2,400 work release placements during fiscal year 2015, including 74 placements from Gordon Correctional Center. Work release inmates work in a variety of fields, including construction, manufacturing, and agriculture.

Jon Litscher, DOC Secretary, said: "Enabling inmates to learn in-demand skills is a core focus for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Our goal, through education and training opportunities, is to prepare inmates for employment in the community and minimize recidivism."

Todd Seyfert, CEO FeraDyne Outdoors, said: "FeraDyne Outdoors is looking forward to carrying on the relationship established by Field Logic and the Gordon Correctional Center. We enjoy being a good corporate citizen of the City of Superior and the State of Wisconsin. Anytime a private business and a government agency can work together and create a long-term relationship that is mutually beneficial, good things happen. We hope the program provides opportunities for those seeking re-entry into the workforce skills they can take with them into any job field they choose to pursue in the future."

Assistant Deputy Secretary Hughes is visiting FeraDyne Outdoors as part of Governor Scott Walker's Cabinet on the Road in northwestern Wisconsin.

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