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GreenPrisons Announces National Award for Sustainability in Corrections Recognizing John Rees and Richard Stalder

LEXINGTON, KY – August 6, 2012 - GreenPrisons.org the nation's leading authority on green practices and sustainability in corrections announces the **Rees-Stalder Award for Sustainability in Corrections**. The award will be presented to the individual and/or organization that shows **leadership in sustainable practices** regarding the operation, growth and maintenance of their facility. The winner of this new honor will be announced and awarded at the **National Symposium on Sustainability in Corrections held in Plainfield, Indiana, October 29 – November 1, 2012**.

GreenPrisons, Inc. created the award to recognize the significant contributions of John Rees, retired Commissioner of Corrections in Kentucky and Richard Stalder, retired Secretary of Public Safety and Corrections in Louisiana.

Commissioner Rees and Secretary Stalder were not only innovators of sustainable practices while leading their agencies but were also instrumental in the creation of the American Correctional Association's (ACA) Clean and Green Committee in 2010. The Clean and Green Committee established ACA's policy statement on Sustainability and the standard on sustainable practices for all agencies accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections.

Through their leadership and direction for this cutting edge initiative in corrections Commissioner Rees and Secretary Stalder were successful in the promulgation of the ACA's policy on sustainability and the first accreditation standard requiring correctional agencies to examine the value of sustainable products and practices in their management processes.

The recipient of this award will receive recognition and scholarship assistance to attend the National Symposium on Sustainable Corrections.

Contributions to the GreenPrisons.org scholarship fund go to support research into expanded applications of sustainability in corrections and promotion of sustainability throughout the profession through ongoing training, and technical assistance.

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