

**Joint Legislative Committee on Performance  
Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)**

Report to  
the Mississippi Legislature



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# **Mississippi Department of Corrections' FY 2008 Cost Per Inmate Day**

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For Fiscal Year 2008, the Department of Corrections' general cost per inmate day (for all security levels combined) in a 1,000-bed facility was \$49.13, including debt service for a facility. FY 2008 costs per inmate day for individual security classifications were as follows: minimum security, \$46.76; medium security, \$43.75; and maximum security, \$91.93. MDOC's FY 2008 costs per inmate day for security classifications in a 500-bed psychiatric correctional facility were \$59.20 for medium security and \$94.03 for maximum security.

Cost figures presented in this report represent the actual costs to MDOC as required by law and do not represent costs for service delivery under a "most efficient organization." When MDOC negotiates private prison payments, items borne solely by the state should be eliminated and due consideration given to reducing other costs in which the state bears additional or different costs than the cost incurred by private prisons. PEER believes that private prison contracts could yield savings significantly above the ten percent required by law. This report includes a schedule of considerations of areas where savings could be achieved from more efficient contracting.

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On December 9, 2008, the PEER Committee authorized release of the report entitled **Mississippi Department of Corrections' FY 2008 Cost Per Inmate Day.**

  
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Senator Sidney Albritton, Chair

**This report does not recommend increased funding or additional staff.**



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# Mississippi Department of Corrections' FY 2008 Cost Per Inmate Day

## Executive Summary

### Background

During its 1994 special session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 2005 (now codified as MISS. CODE ANN. Section 47-5-1201 et seq. [1972]) to address short- and long-term bed capacity within the state's correctional system. The bill created the State Prison Emergency Construction and Management Board to expedite the contracting and construction of proposed public and private prison facilities authorized by the bill.

MISS. CODE ANN. Section 47-5-1211 (3) (a) (1972) states:

*No contract for private incarceration shall be entered into unless the cost of the private operation, including the state's cost for monitoring the private operation, offers a cost savings of at least ten percent (10%) to the Department of Corrections for at least the same level and quality of service offered by the Department of Corrections.*

This section also requires PEER to contract annually with a certified public accounting firm to establish a state cost per inmate day for a comparable state facility. Originally, cost was to be established for medium security inmates only. In subsequent years, MDOC has planned the housing of different classifications of prisoners and PEER has provided cost estimates for those classifications as well.

The law further requires that the state cost per inmate day be certified annually by a certified public accountant and that the certified cost be used as the basis for verifying the ten percent savings required for private contractor costs.

Chapter 964, *Laws of 1996* (Local and Private), established the East Mississippi Correctional Facility Authority. The bill authorized such authority to contract with MDOC for the private incarceration in a psychiatric facility of up to 1,000 prisoners in compliance with the provisions of MISS. CODE ANN. Sections 47-5-1211 through 47-5-1227 (1972).

### Cost Per Day Determination

BKD, LLP, provided cost per inmate day determinations for all security levels of inmates combined (i. e., MDOC's

general cost per inmate day) and also on the basis of security classification (i. e., minimum, medium, or maximum) of inmates.

MDOC's FY 2008 general cost per inmate day for a 1,000-bed facility totaled \$49.13 and included the following components:

Direct Costs:	
Basic housing & visitation:	
Salary costs	\$20.19
Other costs	5.57
Education & training	1.46
Food	3.21
Medical	8.22
Parole Board	0.08
Allocated administrative costs	<u>2.83</u>
Total operating costs	\$41.56
Annual Debt Service	<u>7.57</u>
Total Average Daily Costs	<u>\$49.13</u>

MDOC's FY 2008 costs per inmate day for individual security classifications in a 1,000 bed facility were as follows: minimum security, \$46.76; medium security, \$43.75; and maximum security, \$91.93. MDOC's FY 2008 costs per inmate day for security classifications in a 500-bed psychiatric correctional facility were \$59.20 for medium security and \$94.03 for maximum security.

## Negotiating Private Prison Payments

**PEER believes MDOC should negotiate cost savings for private prison payments well below the ten percent mandated by state law.**

PEER cautions the reader that, as required by law, the cost figures presented in this report represent actual costs to MDOC. State law also requires that private prisons represent *at least a 10% savings to MDOC's costs for the*



*same level and quality of services.* It should be noted that cost savings offered by private prisons may exceed the ten percent threshold. Therefore, when negotiating private prison payments, items borne solely by the state should be eliminated and due consideration given to reducing other costs in which the state bears additional or different costs than the costs incurred by private prisons.

## **Removal of Costs Borne Exclusively by the State**

The Schedule of Average Daily Costs Per State Inmate by Security Classification on page 11 reports that the cost for a medium security inmate is \$43.75. However, MDOC should remove a total of \$8.54 (debt service costs of \$7.57; records, inmate classification, and offender services costs of \$.89; and parole board costs of \$.08) when negotiating private prison payments because these costs are borne solely by the state. (See Exhibit, page viii.)

## **Negotiable Costs**

For medium security inmates, an additional \$12.26 (medical expenses of \$8.22; administrative services of \$2.83; and education and training expenses of \$1.21) represents negotiable costs for which MDOC may be able to negotiate savings greater than the ten percent mandated by law. (See Exhibit, page viii.)

Private prisons pay for the first seventy-two hours of medical care for inmates. After this period, the state bears the costs for ill inmates. Therefore, additional savings may be achieved by negotiating this time below the ten percent savings mandated by law.

The administrative responsibility of the state differs from that of the administrative function of private prisons. Therefore, administrative cost represents an area that may contribute savings beyond the ten percent mandated by law.

PEER believes that private prison contracts should yield savings significantly above the ten percent required by law. See page ix of this summary for examples of areas where savings may be achieved from more efficient contracting.

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**Exhibit: FY 2008 Certified State Cost Per Medium Security Inmate Day, with Areas of Potential Savings**

Total Average Daily Cost Per Inmate	\$43.75
Less Cost Borne Exclusively by the State:	
Debt Service	\$7.57
Records, inmate classification, offender services	.89
Parole Board	<u>.08</u>
	8.54
Sub-total	\$35.21
Negotiable Items:	
Medical	\$8.22
Administrative services	2.83
Education and training	<u>1.21</u>
Sub-total of negotiable items	<u>\$12.26</u>
Beginning MDOC negotiable price	<u>\$22.95</u>

SOURCE: PEER analysis of 2008 cost per inmate day information compiled by BKD, LLP.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
SCHEDULE OF CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRIVATE  
PRISON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

		MDOC Facility			Private Facility		
		Minimum	Medium	Maximum	Minimum	Medium	Maximum
Infrastructure	1	X	X	X	State Provided		
Food		X	X	X	X	X	X
Clothing		X	X	X	X	X	X
Medical and dental care	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
Education		X	X		X	X	
Records	3	X	X	X	State Provided		
Inmate classification and management	3	X	X	X	State Provided		
Offender services	3	X	X	X	State Provided		
Transportation		X	X	X	X	X	X
Parole Boards	4	X	X	X	State Provided		
Probation	4	X	X	X	State Provided		
Restitution	4	X	X	X	State Provided		
Drug treatment		X	X	X	X	X	X
Handicap or invalid incarceration		X	X	X	X	X	X
Farming	5	X	X		Not Applicable		
Administrative costs	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
Monitoring costs	7				X	X	X

<sup>1</sup> Operating costs depend on facility design and security classification. Economies of scale for facility depend on the number of inmates housed. Costs associated with maximum security classification for 2008 included \$1,816,087, representing \$6.22 daily cost of renovation of doors, which is not included in the cost per day.

<sup>2</sup> Consideration should be given to the level of medical care to be provided and whether the burden of responsibility for extended medical care transfers to the State.

<sup>3</sup> Costs associated with records, inmate classification, and offender services are provided by the State. Identified direct costs of these functions total \$5,999,939 for the year ended June 30, 2008. Inmate days supported by these functions were 6,763,114, representing a daily cost of 89¢.

<sup>4</sup> The costs associated with services provided by the State should not be considered as a part of the contracted rate with a private facility.

<sup>5</sup> Private facilities do not have farming operations.

<sup>6</sup> Private facilities have fewer administrative responsibilities than the responsibilities of the State.

<sup>7</sup> Private facilities reimburse MDOC for monitoring costs.

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**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**SPECIAL REPORT ON INCARCERATION COSTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2008**

# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## SPECIAL REPORT ON INCARCERATION COSTS

JUNE 30, 2008

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Mississippi Joint Legislative Committee on  
Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review  
Jackson, Mississippi

### Independent Accountants' Report

We have examined management's assertion that the accompanying Schedule of Average Daily Costs Per State Inmate for All Security Levels Combined (the Schedule) of the State of Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) for the year ended June 30, 2008, is presented in accordance with the measurement and disclosure criteria set forth in Note 2 to the Schedule. MDOC's management is responsible for the assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Schedule of Average Daily Costs Per State Inmate for All Security Levels Combined and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We were not engaged to and did not examine the debt service costs which are included in the Schedule. These costs were provided by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

This Schedule is based on the most accurate data and information available from MDOC staff at the time. However, should MDOC's management significantly alter the assumptions in the design, construction, and operational concept for a 1,000-bed correctional facility as presented in this report, the daily costs per state inmate amount would change.

In our opinion, except for debt service costs as explained in the second preceding paragraph, the Schedule referred to above presents, in all material respects, average daily costs per state inmate for all security levels combined for the year ended June 30, 2008, based on the measurement and disclosure criteria set forth in Note 2 to the Schedule.

BKD, LLP

November 20, 2008

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY COSTS PER STATE**  
**INMATE FOR ALL SECURITY LEVELS COMBINED**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

OPERATING COSTS:

Direct costs:

Basic housing and visitation:

Salary costs	\$ 20.19
Other costs	5.57
Education and training	1.46
Food	3.21
Medical	8.22
Parole Board	0.08
Allocated administrative costs	<u>2.83</u>
	41.56

ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>7.57</u>
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TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY COSTS	<u><u>\$ 49.13</u></u>
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See accompanying Notes to Schedule.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY COSTS**  
**PER STATE INMATE FOR ALL SECURITY LEVELS COMBINED**

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

Description of Entity

The State of Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC or the Department) has the responsibility for the care, custody, study, training, supervision, and treatment of adult offenders committed to the Department and to plan, develop, coordinate, and manage a statewide comprehensive correctional system.

MDOC, for purposes of determining the average daily costs per state inmate, includes the following entities:

- Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) - MSP is a correctional facility located in Sunflower County, Mississippi which had the capacity to incarcerate 4,527 adult male felons as of June 30, 2008.
- Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) - CMCF is a medium security facility located in Rankin County, Mississippi. CMCF serves as the central receiving and classification center for MDOC which had the capacity to incarcerate 3,665 offenders, including all female offenders, as of June 30, 2008.
- South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) - SMCI is located in Greene County, Mississippi which had the capacity to incarcerate 3,204 medium security adult felons as of June 30, 2008.

MDOC also administers correctional operations through other facilities. Although these locations have been allocated certain administrative costs, the costs of the facilities have not been included in determining the average daily costs per state inmate. These other facilities are as follows:

- MDOC operates restitution and work centers throughout the State which house inmates.
- MDOC also contracts with privately operated prisons and regional correctional authorities to incarcerate inmates. Inmates are also incarcerated in county operated jails. MDOC is responsible for certain administrative functions and medical care related to inmates incarcerated by others.

## NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The costs per state inmate day for all security levels combined are derived by dividing the cost of operations for all inmate facilities included in MDOC (i.e., MSP, CMCF, and SMCI) by the total inmate days incurred at all inmate facilities included in MDOC during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The number of inmate days used in this calculation was obtained from census reports prepared daily on a system-wide basis.

Operating costs were determined from MDOC's internal accounting records which reflect final adjusted costs by cost center. Operating costs are accounted for by functional cost centers.

Costs of basic confinement and prison programs are presented separately to facilitate an understanding of the operating costs. In arriving at amounts presented in the accompanying Schedule, certain reclassifications and allocations were necessary. Explanations of certain operating cost categories presented, together with explanations of the significant reclassifications and allocations, are as follows:

- Basic Housing and Visitation:

Salary Costs - Salary costs include costs directly associated with incarceration.

Other Costs - Basic housing and visitation costs include other housing related costs incurred at MSP, CMCF, and SMCI. These costs include the cost of services provided by the Mississippi Office of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management attributable to capital asset maintenance and repairs.

- Education and Training - Education and training costs include the cost of program-specific salaries for the following programs: Adult Basic Education, Alcohol and Drug, Vocational Education, Pre-Release, Recreation, and Life Skills Program, as well as specific costs of educational materials, equipment, and facilities for MSP, CMCF, and SMCI.
- Food Costs - Food costs include both direct purchases of food and supplies and the costs associated with preparation. Food costs also include amounts paid for management costs of food service plus the estimated value of food produced and reported in farming operations that is consumed by MDOC inmates. Certain purchases received at the main warehouse locations at MSP are subsequently transferred to other locations, including food produced by MSP farming operations. An overall average food cost per day was determined that consists of the following:

NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Value of food produced by farm and consumed	\$ 2,029,825
Food management contract payments and other	3,147,685
Food purchases	7,141,669
Change in ending inventory	<u>433,408</u>
 Total cost of food	 <u>\$ 12,752,587</u>
 Inmate days	 <u>3,968,595</u>
 Average cost of food per inmate day	 <u>\$ 3.21</u>

- Farming Costs - MSP maintains a prison operated farm in Sunflower County, Mississippi. Farming costs include operating costs net of revenues derived from sales to outside parties and the value of food produced which is consumed by MDOC inmates. Net losses generated from farm operations are allocated to units to which the farm operation provides inmate work opportunities. No costs were allocated during the year ended June 30, 2008, because the farm did not incur a loss.
- Medical Costs - Medical costs are based on the variable cost per inmate day set forth in the contractual agreement between MDOC and Wexford Health Sources, Inc. (Wexford) to provide medical care to inmates plus contractual security costs associated with medical care and specialty care not included in the contract with Wexford. As of June 30, 2008, the applicable rate was \$5.81 per inmate day. Medical related security costs and specialty care not included in the Wexford contract for the year ended June 30, 2008 equaled 10¢ per inmate day and \$2.33 per inmate day, respectively, which were determined by dividing contractual security costs and total specialty care costs by MDOC's total inmate days of medical responsibility.
- Parole Board Costs - Parole Board costs have been allocated to specific facilities, including county jails, community work centers, and privately operated prisons, based on the ratio of inmate days at each facility to total inmate days at all facilities.
- Administrative Costs - Administrative costs include activities of the Office of the Commissioner, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, finance and administration, purchasing, buildings and grounds, personnel, and management information systems. These costs have been allocated to specific units, including county jails, community work centers, and privately operated prisons, based on the ratio of inmate days at each facility to total inmate days for all facilities.
- Debt Service Costs - Debt service costs relate to debt service on bonds issued to finance the construction of MDOC housing and support buildings. The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review provided

## NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

these expenditures, which represent debt service costs associated with inmates held in a medium security facility. Medium security debt service costs are hypothetical fifteenth year payments on “Bond Buyer” 20 year AA general obligation bond rates as of August 3, 1994. This medium security debt service figure is appropriate for use as a benchmark for the private 1,000-bed medium security facility in Marshall County operated by the GEO Group and the private 1,000-bed medium security facility in Leflore County operated by Corrections Corporation of America. This would not be the appropriate debt service figure to use as a benchmark for any new medium security facility. Any new medium security facility’s debt service would equal that of a minimum security facility.

- Support from Other State Agencies - Certain other state agencies provide support to the activities of MDOC. In some cases, MDOC is charged a service fee for services. These services include building construction and property management, purchasing, treasury and disbursement, legislative audit, legal, records management, and courier services. The charges for these services are included in allocated administrative costs in the accompanying Schedule. Although the State of Mississippi prepares an annual cost allocation plan which identifies costs by agency, costs attributable to MDOC are not specifically quantified due to the fact that MDOC does not administer a significant amount of federal grants. Management of MDOC estimates that services received but unbilled are insignificant to the total operating costs of the Department and are not included in the accompanying Schedule.
- Costs Not Included - Operating costs for MDOC have been adjusted to exclude costs applicable to construction or renovation of facilities.



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Except as explained in the following paragraph, our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Schedule of Average Daily Costs Per State Inmate by Security Classification and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We were not engaged to and did not examine the debt service costs which are included in the Schedule. These costs were provided by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

This Schedule is based on the most accurate data and information available from MDOC staff at the time. MDOC facilities do not include a minimum or medium security facility which operates as a 1,000-bed correctional facility. Consequently, actual costs of operation of a 1,000-bed correctional facility may be materially different than those shown in the Schedule. Additionally, should MDOC's management significantly alter the assumptions in the design, construction, and operational concept for a 1,000-bed correctional facility as presented in this report, the daily costs per state inmate amount would change.

In our opinion, except for debt service costs as explained in the second preceding paragraph, the Schedule referred to above presents, in all material respects, average daily costs

per state inmate by security classification for a 1,000-bed correctional facility for the year ended June 30, 2008, based on the measurement and disclosure criteria set forth in Note 2 to the Schedule.

BKD, LLP

November 20, 2008

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY COSTS PER STATE**  
**INMATE BY SECURITY CLASSIFICATION**  
**(FOR ADULT MALE INMATES IN A 1,000-BED**  
**CORRECTIONAL FACILITY)**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Security Classification</u>		
	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<b>OPERATING COSTS:</b>			
Direct costs:			
Basic housing and visitation:			
Salary costs	\$ 11.20	\$ 16.95	\$ 56.42
Other costs	7.03	3.68	7.08
Education and training	2.45	1.21	-
Food	3.21	3.21	3.21
Medical	8.22	8.22	8.22
Parole Board	0.08	0.08	0.08
Allocated administrative costs	<u>2.83</u>	<u>2.83</u>	<u>2.83</u>
	35.02	36.18	77.84
ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>11.74</u>	<u>7.57</u>	<u>14.09</u>
TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY COSTS	<u>\$ 46.76</u>	<u>\$ 43.75</u>	<u>\$ 91.93</u>

See accompanying Notes to Schedule.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY COSTS**  
**PER STATE INMATE BY SECURITY CLASSIFICATION**

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

Description of Entity

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MDOC, for purposes of determining the average daily costs per state inmate, includes the following entities:

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MDOC also administers correctional operations through other facilities. Although these locations have been allocated certain administrative costs, the costs of the facilities have not been included in determining the average daily costs per state inmate. These other facilities are as follows:

- MDOC operates restitution and work centers throughout the State which house inmates.
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## NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Expenditures are presented by security classification and are based on the costs of operations at facilities considered by management and the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review to provide the most representative data for the security classifications presented as follows:

- Minimum Security - Unit 25 at MSP - 240-bed capacity
- Medium Security - SMCI - 3,204-bed capacity
- Maximum Security - Unit 32 at MSP - 1,000-bed capacity

Operating costs were determined from MDOC's internal accounting records which reflect final adjusted costs by cost center. Operating costs are accounted for by functional cost centers.

Adjustments have been made to operating costs to reflect the differences attributable to the economies of scale of operating a 1,000-bed facility, as compared to the capacities of the minimum and medium security units used in this analysis. These adjustments were determined through an analysis of fixed operating costs, primarily in salaries, by determining the difference between the daily rates of fixed costs of a 1,000-bed facility, as compared to the unit's actual daily rates for those fixed costs.

Costs of basic confinement and prison programs are presented separately to facilitate an understanding of the operating costs. In arriving at amounts presented in the accompanying Schedule, certain reclassifications and allocations were necessary. Explanations of certain operating cost categories presented, together with explanations of the significant reclassifications and allocations, are as follows:

- Basic Housing and Visitation:

Salary Costs - Salary costs include costs directly associated with incarceration.

Other Costs - Basic housing and visitation costs include other housing related costs incurred at MSP, CMCF, and SMCI. These costs include the cost of services provided by the Mississippi Office of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management attributable to capital asset maintenance and repairs.

- Education and Training - Education and training costs include the cost of program-specific salaries for the following programs: Adult Basic Education, Alcohol and Drug, Vocational Education, Pre-Release, Recreation, and Life Skills Program, as well as specific costs of educational materials, equipment, and facilities for MSP, CMCF, and SMCI.

NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

- Food Costs - Food costs include both direct purchases of food and supplies and the costs associated with preparation. Food costs also include amounts paid for management costs of food service plus the estimated value of food produced and reported in farming operations that is consumed by MDOC inmates. Certain purchases received at the main warehouse locations at MSP are subsequently transferred to other locations, including food produced by MSP farming operations. An overall average food cost per day was determined that consists of the following:

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Food management contract payments and other	3,147,685
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 Total cost of food	 <u>\$ 12,752,587</u>
 Inmate days	 <u>3,968,595</u>
 Average cost of food per inmate day	 <u>\$ 3.21</u>

- Farming Costs - MSP maintains a prison operated farm in Sunflower County, Mississippi. Farming costs include operating costs net of revenues derived from sales to outside parties and the value of food produced which is consumed by MDOC inmates. Net losses generated from farm operations are allocated to units to which the farm operation provides inmate work opportunities. No costs were allocated during the year ended June 30, 2008, because the farm did not incur a loss.
- Medical Costs - Medical costs are based on the variable cost per inmate day set forth in the contractual agreement between MDOC and Wexford Health Sources, Inc. (Wexford) to provide medical care to inmates plus contractual security costs associated with medical care and specialty care not included in the contract with Wexford. As of June 30, 2008, the applicable rate was \$5.81 per inmate day. Medical related security costs and specialty care not included in the Wexford contract for the year ended June 30, 2008 equaled 10¢ per inmate day and \$2.33 per inmate day, respectively, which were determined by dividing contractual security costs and total specialty care costs by MDOC's total inmate days of medical responsibility.
- Parole Board Costs - Parole Board costs have been allocated to specific facilities, including county jails, community work centers, and privately operated prisons, based on the ratio of inmate days at each facility to total inmate days at all facilities.
- Administrative Costs - Administrative costs include activities of the Office of the Commissioner, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, finance and administration,

## NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

purchasing, buildings and grounds, personnel, and management information systems. These costs have been allocated to specific units, including county jails, community work centers, and privately operated prisons, based on the ratio of inmate days at each facility to total inmate days for all facilities.

- Debt Service Costs - Debt service costs relate to debt service on bonds issued to finance the construction of MDOC housing and support buildings. The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review provided these expenditures for minimum, medium and maximum security facilities. Debt service figures for minimum and maximum security facilities were derived from “Bond Buyer” 20 year AA general obligation bond rates as of November 10, 2008. Debt service figures for medium security facilities are hypothetical fifteenth year payments on “Bond Buyer” 20 year AA general obligation bond rates as of August 3, 1994. This medium security debt service figure is appropriate for use as a benchmark for the private 1,000-bed medium security facility in Marshall County operated by the GEO Group and the private 1,000-bed medium security facility in Leflore County operated by Corrections Corporation of America. This would not be the appropriate debt service figure to use as a benchmark for any new medium security facility. Any new medium security facility’s debt service would equal that of a minimum security facility.
- Support from Other State Agencies - Certain other state agencies provide support to the activities of MDOC. In some cases, MDOC is charged a service fee for services. These services include building construction and property management, purchasing, treasury and disbursement, legislative audit, legal, records management, and courier services. The charges for these services are included in allocated administrative costs in the accompanying Schedule. Although the State of Mississippi prepares an annual cost allocation plan which identifies costs by agency, costs attributable to MDOC are not specifically quantified due to the fact that MDOC does not administer a significant amount of federal grants. Management of MDOC estimates that services received but unbilled are insignificant to the total operating costs of the Department and are not included in the accompanying Schedule.
- Costs Not Included - Operating costs for MDOC have been adjusted to exclude costs applicable to construction or renovation of facilities.



Mississippi Joint Legislative Committee on  
Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review  
Jackson, Mississippi

### **Independent Accountants' Report**

We have examined management's assertion that the accompanying Schedule of Average Daily Costs Per Psychiatric Inmate by Security Classification (the Schedule) of the State of Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) for the year ended June 30, 2008, is presented in accordance with the measurement and disclosure criteria set forth in Note 2 to the Schedule. MDOC's management is responsible for the assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Schedule of Average Daily Costs Per Psychiatric Inmate by Security Classification and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We were not engaged to and did not examine the debt service costs which are included in the Schedule. These costs were provided by the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

This Schedule is based on the most accurate data and information available from MDOC staff at the time. MDOC facilities do not include a medium or maximum security facility which operates as a 500-bed psychiatric facility. Consequently, actual costs of operation of a 500-bed psychiatric facility may be materially different than those shown in the Schedule. Additionally, should MDOC's management significantly alter the assumptions in the design, construction, and operational concept for a 500-bed psychiatric facility as presented in this report, the daily costs per state inmate amount would change.

In our opinion, except for debt service costs as explained in the second preceding paragraph, the Schedule referred to above presents, in all material respects, average daily costs

per psychiatric inmate by security classification for a 500-bed psychiatric facility for the year ended June 30, 2008, based on the measurement and disclosure criteria set forth in Note 2 to the Schedule.

BKD. LLP

November 20, 2008

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY COSTS PER**  
**PSYCHIATRIC INMATE BY SECURITY CLASSIFICATION**  
**(FOR ADULT MALE INMATES IN A 500-BED**  
**PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY)**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Security Classification</u>	
	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
OPERATING COSTS:		
Direct costs:		
Basic housing and visitation:		
Salary costs	\$ 21.11	\$ 58.25
Other costs	6.94	7.08
Education and training	2.45	-
Food	3.21	3.21
Medical	9.32	9.32
Parole Board	0.08	0.08
Allocated administrative costs	<u>2.83</u>	<u>2.83</u>
	45.94	80.77
 ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	 <u>13.26</u>	 <u>13.26</u>
 TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY COSTS	 <u>\$ 59.20</u>	 <u>\$ 94.03</u>

See accompanying Notes to Schedule.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY COSTS PER**  
**PSYCHIATRIC INMATE BY SECURITY CLASSIFICATION**

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

Description of Entity

The State of Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC or the Department) has the responsibility for the care, custody, study, training, supervision, and treatment of adult offenders committed to the Department and to plan, develop, coordinate, and manage a statewide comprehensive correctional system.

MDOC, for purposes of determining the average daily costs per state inmate, includes the following entities:

- Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) - MSP is a correctional facility located in Sunflower County, Mississippi which had the capacity to incarcerate 4,527 adult male felons as of June 30, 2008.
- Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) - CMCF is a medium security facility located in Rankin County, Mississippi. CMCF serves as the central receiving and classification center for MDOC which had the capacity to incarcerate 3,665 offenders, including all female offenders, as of June 30, 2008.
- South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) - SMCI is located in Greene County, Mississippi which had the capacity to incarcerate 3,204 medium security adult felons as of June 30, 2008.

MDOC also administers correctional operations through other facilities. Although these locations have been allocated certain administrative costs, the costs of the facilities have not been included in determining the average daily costs per state inmate. These other facilities are as follows:

- MDOC operates restitution and work centers throughout the State which house inmates.
- MDOC also contracts with privately operated prisons and regional correctional authorities to incarcerate inmates. Inmates are also incarcerated in county operated jails. MDOC is responsible for certain administrative functions and medical care related to inmates incarcerated by others.

## NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Expenditures are presented by security classification and are based on the costs of operations at facilities considered by management and the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review to provide the most representative data for the security classifications presented as follows:

- Medium Security - Unit 30 at MSP - 864-bed capacity
- Maximum Security - Unit 32 at MSP - 1,000-bed capacity

Operating costs were determined from MDOC's internal accounting records which reflect final adjusted costs by cost center. Operating costs are accounted for by functional cost centers.

Adjustments have been made to operating costs to reflect the differences attributable to the economies of scale of operating a 500-bed facility, as compared to the capacities of the medium security unit used in this analysis. These adjustments were determined through an analysis of fixed operating costs, primarily in salaries, by determining the difference between the daily rates of fixed costs of a 500-bed facility, as compared to the unit's actual daily rates for those fixed costs.

Costs of basic confinement and prison programs are presented separately to facilitate an understanding of the operating costs. In arriving at amounts presented in the accompanying Schedule, certain reclassifications and allocations were necessary. Explanations of certain operating cost categories presented, together with explanations of the significant reclassifications and allocations, are as follows:

- Basic Housing and Visitation:

Salary Costs - Salary costs include costs directly associated with incarceration.

Other Costs - Basic housing and visitation costs include other housing related costs incurred at MSP, CMCF, and SMCI. These costs include the cost of services provided by the Mississippi Office of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management attributable to capital asset maintenance and repairs.

- Education and Training - Education and training costs include the cost of program-specific salaries for the following programs: Adult Basic Education, Alcohol and Drug, Vocational Education, Pre-Release, Recreation, and Life Skills Program, as well as specific costs of educational materials, equipment, and facilities for MSP, CMCF, and SMCI.
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- Parole Board Costs - Parole Board costs have been allocated to specific facilities, including county jails, community work centers, and privately operated prisons, based on the ratio of inmate days at each facility to total inmate days at all facilities.

## NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

- Administrative Costs - Administrative costs include activities of the Office of the Commissioner, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, finance and administration, purchasing, buildings and grounds, personnel, and management information systems. These costs have been allocated to specific units, including county jails, community work centers, and privately operated prisons, based on the ratio of inmate days at each facility to total inmate days for all facilities.
- Debt Service Costs - Debt service costs relate to debt service on bonds issued to finance the construction of MDOC housing and support buildings for a 500-bed psychiatric correctional facility for medium and maximum security inmates. The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review provided these expenditures. This debt service figure is appropriate for use as a benchmark for the private 500-bed psychiatric correctional facility in Lauderdale County operated by Wackenhut Corrections. This would not be the appropriate debt service figure to use as a benchmark for any new psychiatric facility.
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### **Independent Accountants' Report on Supplementary Information**

Our reports on our examinations of the schedules of average daily costs per state inmate appear on pages 3, 9 and 16. Our examinations were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on these schedules. The accompanying Schedule of Considerations for Private Prison Contract Negotiations is presented for purposes of additional analysis. Such information has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the schedules, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

BKD, LLP

November 20, 2008

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
SCHEDULE OF CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRIVATE  
PRISON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

		MDOC Facility			Private Facility		
		Minimum	Medium	Maximum	Minimum	Medium	Maximum
Infrastructure	1	X	X	X	State Provided		
Food		X	X	X	X	X	X
Clothing		X	X	X	X	X	X
Medical and dental care	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
Education		X	X		X	X	
Records	3	X	X	X	State Provided		
Inmate classification and management	3	X	X	X	State Provided		
Offender services	3	X	X	X	State Provided		
Transportation		X	X	X	X	X	X
Parole Boards	4	X	X	X	State Provided		
Probation	4	X	X	X	State Provided		
Restitution	4	X	X	X	State Provided		
Drug treatment		X	X	X	X	X	X
Handicap or invalid incarceration		X	X	X	X	X	X
Farming	5	X	X		Not Applicable		
Administrative costs	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
Monitoring costs	7				X	X	X

<sup>1</sup> Operating costs depend on facility design and security classification. Economies of scale for facility depend on the number of inmates housed. Costs associated with maximum security classification for 2008 included \$1,816,087, representing \$6.22 daily cost of renovation of doors, which is not included in the cost per day.

<sup>2</sup> Consideration should be given to the level of medical care to be provided and whether the burden of responsibility for extended medical care transfers to the State.

<sup>3</sup> Costs associated with records, inmate classification, and offender services are provided by the State. Identified direct costs of these functions total \$5,999,939 for the year ended June 30, 2008. Inmate days supported by these functions were 6,763,114, representing a daily cost of 89¢.

<sup>4</sup> The costs associated with services provided by the State should not be considered as a part of the contracted rate with a private facility.

<sup>5</sup> Private facilities do not have farming operations.

<sup>6</sup> Private facilities have fewer administrative responsibilities than the responsibilities of the State.

<sup>7</sup> Private facilities reimburse MDOC for monitoring costs.

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