



Corrections and Community Supervision



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Ms. Tammy Sawchuk
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Dear Ms. Sawchuk:

This is in response to your letter dated May 3, 2017 regarding the issuance of female Correction Officer uniforms in the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS). As you know, Acting commissioner Annucci, as well as the entire Executive Team, take great pride in the hard work that all uniformed staff perform each and every day.

To be clear, at no time did Correctional Industries (Corcraft) discontinue the manufacturing of female Correction Officer uniforms over the last two years. Corcraft has been the vendor for some of the Correction Officer uniform items, primarily the Class B shirts and pants. Corcraft's main production plant for these items is located at Clinton Correctional Facility with a satellite shop located at Franklin Correctional Facility. As you can appreciate, the events that unfolded at Clinton CF in 2015, had a profound effect on Corcraft's manufacturing operation which resulted in some clothing orders being completed late.

With recent Corcraft shipments on May 2nd and May 4th, the Central Office Quartermaster has advised that back orders for female blouses have been filled. Current orders being shipped also include female blouses. As of May 12, 2017 all orders with Corcraft were completed.

In March 2016, an Executive decision was made that allowed the Department's Contract Procurement Unit to conduct a formal bid for security apparel. The contract was awarded to three (3) vendors. The contracts were approved by OSC on December 21, 2016. The first order for shirts were placed in January and the first delivery is expected around May

31, 2017. When received, the items will be checked for quality. All subsequent orders will be placed with a 90 day lead time expectation for delivery.

It is anticipated, that the new vendors will be able to meet the Department's uniform needs in a timely manner and will not be subject to the security issues that affect production in our Industry shops. Your concerns in addressing the clothing needs of our officers are well received and rest assured that DOCCS is fully committed to supporting all of our Correction Officers in the best manner possible. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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