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## **CALIFORNIA PRISON INDUSTRY AUTHORITY DONATES \$3,715 TO FOLSOM PROJECT FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

*Folsom City Lions Club-administered project employs inmates that provide eyeglasses to those in need, Braille transcription services, and tactile maps for State.*

(FOLSOM) Folsom-based California Prison Industry Authority's (CALPIA) General Manager Charles Pattillo presented a check for \$3,715 to Don Ring of the Folsom Lions Club at the Folsom Lions Club annual crab and shrimp feed fundraising event on January 21, 2012 in Folsom. CALPIA's donation are proceeds from CALPIA's annual charitable golf tournament in Folsom.

The Folsom Lions Club administers the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired, which employs inmates at Folsom State Prison who refurbish and calibrate donated eye-glasses for the needy.

"CALPIA's entire Digital Services Enterprise at Folsom State Prison owes its existence to its partnership with the Folsom Lions Club," said Charles Pattillo, CALPIA General Manager. "CALPIA is proud to support the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired and thrilled to see it grow and thrive at Folsom State Prison."

CALPIA's Digital Services Enterprise employs 14 inmates at Folsom State Prison, providing Braille transcription services for the California Department of Education and tactile maps for other state customers.

*CALPIA is a self-financed and self-sufficient state entity that receives all of its revenue from the sale of products it manufactures. The recidivism rate among CALPIA inmates over 25 percent lower than the general prison population, a success attributed to the job skills that they receive by working in CALPIA business enterprises.*

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