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CALPIA Deputy Director Receives National Award

FOLSOM – With more than 27 years of experience at the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA), Deputy Director Scott Walker has won the “National Staff Award for 2014” from the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA).

CALPIA’s General Manager, Charles L. Pattillo nominated Walker for the award along with 49 other states nominating correctional industry staff for this prestigious honor. Walker was first selected as the regional winner and this week was announced by NCIA as the national winner.

“I am thrilled NCIA recognized Scott Walker for his leadership and innovations,” said Pattillo. “It’s because of his commitment and dedication to CALPIA, that offenders acquire job skills which are vital when it comes to reducing recidivism, reducing state costs and more importantly increasing public safety.”

Walker has been instrumental for stewarding CALPIA’s 57 manufacturing, service and consumable enterprises through the implementation of California’s Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011.

Walker is currently directing the expansion of CALPIA enterprise by establishing a Healthcare Facilities Maintenance program at all 34 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) locations adding 900 new offender training assignments.

The NCIA Staff Award was originally established in 1980 to recognize the quality of industry staff personnel and recognize superior performance.

Walker will be recognized at the NCIA’s Conference in April.

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 is 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.