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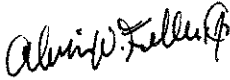
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight
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FROM: Alvin W. Keller, Jr. 

DATE: May 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Report on the Need to Use Funds to Provide the State Match
For Federal Grants

Section 17.2 of Session Law 2008-107 (House Bill 2436) requires the Department of Correction ("DOC") to report to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to using funds to provide the state match needed to receive federal grant funds. Pursuant to section 17.2, the Department reports the need to expend \$292,080 to provide the state match for the following grant awards that begin on July 1, 2009:

- 1) Second Chance Act – North Carolina Successful Community Opportunities After Prison Initiative (NC SCOAP). This award from the U.S. Department of Justice will enhance public safety through system linkages between the Division of Prisons and the community by providing a conduit for coordinated services, interagency cooperation, and a supportive environment for the offender that does not presently exist. The NC SCOAP initiative will target a minimum of 390 moderate to high-risk, high-need adult male offenders. The primary goals of this grant are to connect released offenders with resources in their home communities; to provide comprehensive case management services prior to and after release; to help released offenders to become gainfully employed or enrolled in vocational training; and to locate decent and stable housing. The total award is \$722,723, of which \$223,035 is the required state match.
- 2) NCDOC Reentry Initiative – Certified Communication. This project will implement training that will enable offenders to earn certificates in low-voltage wiring applications and learn marketable skills that will enhance employability. DOC will partner with the North Carolina Community College System for 180 hours of



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- 3) training that will provide at least four industry-recognized certifications. The total award is \$204,200, of which \$51,050 is the required state match.
- 4) Correction Enterprises Reentry Job Placement. This award from the Governor's Crime Commission will fund a contractual job placement coordinator who will focus on locating job opportunities for ex-offenders trained by Correction Enterprises or the Inmate Construction Program and certified by the North Carolina Department of Labor while incarcerated. This contractual position will market offenders to business and industry throughout North Carolina. The total award is \$71,980; the required State match is \$17,995 and will be paid from Correction Enterprises receipts.

Staff from the Department of Correction is available to provide additional information about these requests.

AWK:ea

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