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2023 DETENTION EQUIPMENT CONTRACTORS REPORT

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The below listing is a mere sampling of the numerous Detention Equipment Contractors (DECs) found around the U.S. and includes each company's location, website, area of coverage and a brief insight on its background. If there are areas of the DEC industry you'd like to see covered in the future, or you have related news of your own to share, please contact Managing Editor Zach Chouteau (zach@emlenmedia) to share your thoughts.

Company	City, State	Website	Geographic Area Covered	Fast Fact
C.A. Owens & Associates	Freeport, Fla.	www.caowensinc.com	U.S.	Providing services that include design, supply and maintenance
CML Security	Erie, Colo.	www.cmlsecurity.us	U.S./International	A focus on security electronics and detention equipment
Cornerstone Detention Group	Madison, Ala.	www.cornerstonedetention.com	North America	An industry leader in detention products and services
Florida Detention Systems Inc.	Melrose, Fla.	www.floridadetention.com	Eastern Half of the U.S.	Products and services include fences, gates, security
Jailcraft Inc.	Owings Mills, Md.	www.jailcraftinc.com	Mid-Atlantic	Showcasing locks, sliding doors, controls and more
Jails Correctional Products Inc.	Minster, Ohio	www.fabcor.com	Continental U.S.	Maker of detention products that include beds, doors, mortises
Maximum Security Products Corp.	Waterford, N.Y.	www.maximumsecuritycorp.com	U.S./International	Doors and heavy duty hinges to electronic controls
Montgomery Technology Systems LLC	Greenville, Ala.	www.montgomerytechsystems.com	U.S.	Security electronics and detention control systems
Noah Detention Construction	Niceville, Fla.	www.noahdetention.com	Southeast & Midwestern U.S.	Design/manage/procure detention equipment/security electronics
Pauly Jail	Noblesville, Ind.	www.paulyjail.com	U.S. Midwest/South	Nation's oldest correctional facilities equipment contractor
R&S Corporation	Baton Rouge, La.	www.randscorp.com	U.S./South	Provider of correctional products, maintenance and more
Secure Control Systems	San Antonio, Texas	www.securecontrolsystems.com	South and Southwest	Detention hardware, security electronics and other offerings
Securtec Inc.	Baton Rouge, La.	www.securtecinc.com	U.S./South	Provider and installer of furnishings, security, hardware and more
Southern Folger Contracting	San Antonio, Texas	www.southernfolger.com	U.S./International	Security electronics, furnishings and other products/services
Stronghold Industries Inc.	Racine, Wis.	www.strongholdind.com	Midwest	Specializing in DEC projects as well as curtain wall/glass work
Sweeper Metal Fabricators Corp.	Drumright, Okla.	www.sweepermetal.com	U.S./International	Maker and installer of detention doors, cells, furniture, etc.
Taylor, Cotton and Ridley Inc.	Gainesville, Fla.	www.taylorcottonridley.com	U.S.	Offerings include installation of steel doors, frames, wood doors
Unique Security Inc.	Montgomery, Ala.	www.uniquesecurityinc.com	Eastern Half of the U.S./International	Security upgrades, preventive maintenance, integration systems
United Prison Equipment	Green Lane, Pa.	www.unitedprison.com	U.S.	A full line of detention furniture and accessories
Universal Security Products Inc.	San Ramon, Calif.	www.universalsecurity.com	U.S./International	Products/services include metal roofing and laminated flooring
US Security Systems Inc.	Montgomery, Ala.	www.ussecuritysystems.com	North America	Security systems specialist covering U.S., Canada and Mexico
Valley Security Company	Elgin, Ill.	www.valleysecurityco.com	Midwest	High security hardware, electronics, materials and furnishings
W. Lewis Frame n Door Inc.	Willow Grove, Pa.	www.lewisdoor.com	U.S.	Focus includes prison doors, hardware, detention locks

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DEC Dialogue

Q&A with an Industry Pro looks at top trends, recent changes and more By CN Staff

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CN connected recently with Brett Noecker, Vice President of Preconstruction and Engineering, CML, for his take on the DEC landscape as we ready for the new year. Brett shared his thoughts on top trends, recent waves and what might be on the horizon for the industry moving ahead.

CN: *What are some of the top detention equipment trends in 2023 and how is your company addressing the needs tied to them?*

BN: Products that are normalized, softened and less institutional are continuing to make a strong push in our industry. CML specifically has been addressing both needs of new construction and retrofit like work to ensure the customers' needs are being heard. There is also a continued effort to bring existing facilities closer to code compliance



CML's recent projects include work on the Hawaii State Hospital.

for door control systems, whereas we are seeing a lot of requests for modernization and retrofitting of outdated facilities.

CN: *Have you worked on any projects recently that reflect some of these trends, or that highlight new equipment your company offers?*

BN: We are seeing multiple states and jurisdictions placing focus on retrofitting locking systems. This is a trend across the nations, in terms of Normative furniture and furnishings, most projects in current design are considering this.

CN: *Which of your company's offerings are currently generating the most buzz in the corrections industry?*

BN: CML has received several requests for door control systems to be updated to a Wedge Locking device. Willo Wedge is a leader in this marketplace, with obvious competitors. CML has found that a combination of available features and functions in door control and monitoring is important in facility safety. It is a very popular option currently. In addition, since covid times – there has been a major focus in designs for medical separation or holding in new and current facilities. We are seeing a lot of requests for added beds to create medical separation for those are ill or in recovery. We are seeing this in both new construction and existing facilities.

CN: *How do you think the detention equipment market has evolved the most over the past decade or so, and what has spurred that change?*

BN: In terms of the market overall, we have seen a lot of manufacturing consolidation in the past decade. The

landscape of multiple industry leading manufacturers is becoming reduced. In terms of product specific evolution, we think the biggest evolution is related to normative type products and the rush to bring these products to current designs. The market is evolving toward normative, medical, and softened designs all spurred by the desire to reduce recidivism and address mental health issues. Justice/Correctional designs do have a part in this and it trickles down to the equipment, furniture and furnishings we as contractors present as solutions.

CN: *What do you think the next 5-10 years holds for the corrections industry and for your company in particular?*

BN: While there will be a continued trend for normative and mental health supportive environments in new construction design, our industry (internally) will be challenged from a personal perspective. There will be a continued trend of reduction for knowledge-based individuals in our industry. There will be less maintenance personnel that have corrections experience, there will be less individuals qualified for Detention Equipment Installations, there will be less Architects and Consultants with industry experience working on designs in the future, and there will be less manufacturers that carry subject matter experts on staff. This trend will be challenging for our marketplace, it is

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important today to focus on the human capital that support our industry.

Our company specifically remains focused on providing support and solutions to all of our industry, but we have also acknowledged an increased need to support existing facilities. Now more than ever are facilities shorthanded for qualified support and services. We feel this will be an increased trend that will require our focus.

Equipment Report Reflects Eclectic Industry Offerings

By Zach Chouteau

As Correctional News explored the detention equipment landscape for new and intriguing offerings, variety turned out to be the name of the game. Here's a look at the recent 411 from

detention equipment producers and contractors from around the US and beyond.

Window of Opportunity

Hope's Windows has just announced the launch of Hope's Correctional Window Systems website. Based in Jamestown, N.Y., Hope's Windows Inc., is a national leading provider of high-quality, handcrafted steel and bronze windows and doors. For decades, Hope's Windows has brought secure, functional, high-quality window systems to behavioral health and correctional facilities. In these applications, safety and security are paramount. Hope's Windows highlights its century-plus level of experience, and the new website will include product drawings and specifications available for download where customers can read more about Hope's exceptional quality materials and manufacturing.

The new Hope's Correctional Window Systems website highlights products like the 10 Series Awning style window and Behavioral Health + Life Safety window options. The 10 Series is ideal for high-security areas that require airflow and could benefit from natural light. This product option cools building interiors without power, minimizing energy usage. Additionally, the 10 Series is the ideal solution for smoke evacuation and can be integrated into the fire alarm system.

Hope's new website will also feature its Behavioral Health and Safety window product offerings, including exterior windows with integrated features that guarantee safety and security for patients and staff. These slim-profile windows also create wider vantages, increasing natural light and fostering the serenity that is so crucial to healing in these environments. Additional features include fully integrated blind systems with concealed mechanics—perfect for attendant-controlled operation.

All Hope's Correctional Window Systems are impact resistant—ranging from human impact resistant to bullet-resistance, ideal for use in guard watch towers and other

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correctional facility applications. Hope's secure exterior windows are fabricated from 10- or 12-gauge A60 painted sheet steel, 12- or 14-gauge 302/304 grade stainless steel, and solid, hot-rolled steel. Fixed and operable configurations are available in traditional steel, thermally-improved or thermally-broken construction. All products are custom-designed and fabricated to each customer's unique needs.

Hope's Windows, Inc. is the largest manufacturer of custom steel windows and doors in the United States. Hope's Windows centers its commitment to delivering products with the absolute highest standards of quality and excellence. Each window and door Hope's creates is proudly handcrafted to meet each client's exact specifications, even in the most demanding requirements. Hope's impressive performance has been achieved by more than 100 years of research and development in its products.

Securing Safer Food

At Cook's Direct, Director of Marketing Ryan Bicking informed CN of a new piece of kitchen equipment that is not only durable and heavy-duty but also created with safety in mind as well.

"We actually have a new, exclusive item from our partnership with Vulcan – a



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Photo Credit: Cook's Direct



Custom Notched Kettle Lid for corrections,” he told CN. “Kettles are an important part of correctional foodservice programs and this new lid helps to increase security and protect foods from being tampered with.”

Photo Credit: Cook's Direct



Features of the newly released cookware include:

- Notched lid with welded, non-rotating faucet to prevent tampering.
- Heavy duty hinge and lid lift arm for increased durability.
- Welded security chain on draw-off valve.
- Locking water fill valve improves security and reliability.

- Diamond-plated step cover for added protection.
- Sloped control panel with locking cover so items can't be placed on the panel, ensuring longer lifespan and less service issues.

ModCorr Makes Personnel Moves

ModCorr LLC recently announced the addition of David Deason as Vice President of Preconstruction. He brings over 38 years of experience along with an established background of projects spanning courthouses, detention, correctional, healthcare, educational, commercial, and industrial facilities. Formerly an Executive VP at a prominent detention and security equipment contractor, Deason brings a comprehensive knowledge of security systems to ModCorr. David's former ownership of a commercial door/hardware company—along with his extensive experience in project management, from setup to closeout—underscores his capabilities. As VP of Preconstruction, David's insights promise to drive ModCorr to new heights in correctional construction.

ModCorr LLC also announced Ben Crooks as Director of Operations. With an impressive career spanning over two decades in justice operations, infrastructure/facilities, and inmate programming consulting, Ben's extensive experience elevates ModCorr's commitment to innovation in correctional construction. His notable achievements include orchestrating strategic master planning efforts for the State of Oaxaca, Mexico's penitentiary system. His leadership in managing intricate prison expansion projects across the United States showcases his global impact and dedication to enhancing correctional systems.

ModCorr offers rapid, efficient delivery and setup of minimum to maximum security facilities, as well as specialty units that conform to the same building codes as traditional construction. Their safe, secure, and high-quality products comply with all American Correctional Association (ACA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Next-Gen Exits

ASSA ABLOY, the global leader in access solutions, recently announced the launch of two next-generation exit devices from long-standing leaders in the premium exit device market: the PE80 Series by SARGENT and the PED4000/PED5000 Series by Corbin Russwin. These new exit devices boast industry-first features that are



specifically designed to provide enhanced safety, security and convenience, setting new standards for exit solutions.

The SARGENT PE80 and Corbin Russwin PED4000/PED5000 Series exit devices are engineered to meet the ever-evolving needs of modern buildings. Featuring the high strength, security and durability that ASSA ABLOY is known for, the new exit devices deliver several innovative, industry-first features in addition to elegant design finishes for every opening.

Engineered for an extended lifespan to withstand heavy usage and to reduce the need for frequent product replacements, the SARGENT and Corbin Russwin exit devices are designed with the next 20-30 years in mind.

As for security, the devices provide ANSI/BHMA A156.3 Grade 1 certified strength with heavy-duty mounting construction for high-impact environments. They also offer a variety of features, including multiple indicators, push rail dogging and master keying with security key systems to enhance the overall user experience.

The devices' versatile form factors and minimalist designs facilitate seamless integration to suit different environments and aesthetics. The models offer many decorative lever choices, as well as wide and narrow style trim escutcheons for use with all applications.

Working Out Well

Exercise equipment executive sees shift to rehabilitation and wellness

By Zach Chouteau

What's up with correctional rec equipment these days? CN got the scoop on what's up in the industry by checking in with industry veteran Lucas Riphagen, Vice President, TriActive USA, a company firmly focused on providing correctional grade exercise solutions that keep inmates fit—while also fitting into facilities effectively.

Riphagen shared his insights and observations on current trends, recent shifts, and what might be on the horizon in our industry in years to come.

What are some of the top detention equipment trends in 2023 and how is your company addressing the needs tied to them?

Although there are many, one of the biggest detention equipment trends we're seeing is the push towards a more normalized environment with an emphasis on rehabilitation. Innovative cell design, creative spaces for educational and vocational activities, and outdoor recreation are a few of the areas in which we're directly involved in on a day-to-day basis. The introduction of vandal resistant, correctional-grade exercise equipment like that of what we, TriActive USA, manufacturers is the one we're most excited about as there's no denying the benefits of exercise - improved mood, reduced stress and aggression, improved sleep - all of which contribute to the overall rehabilitation of those who are incarcerated.



Riphagen

Have you worked on any projects recently that reflect some of these trends, or that highlight new equipment your company offers?

Many facilities across the Country - State, County, and Probation facilities, are starting to incorporate incentive programs or even designated incentive-based facilities. Oftentimes these programs and/or facilities include more “home-like” furniture, perhaps more comfortable mattresses, and/or outdoor exercise areas. By rewarding good behavior with exercise equipment, you really begin to encourage those who are incarcerated to improve their physical health, which directly impacts their mental health, and leads to improving their wellbeing. We've been fortunate enough to help bring these programs to life with Florida's DOC, Tennessee's DOC, and most recently with CDCR. We're in the process of retrofitting several of CDCR's facilities with new, outdoor, safe and secure exercise equipment and have had a chance to catch up with some

of the wardens at these facilities, one of which stating “The addition of the TriActive equipment on our Level III facility has been well received by the inmate population. It is in constant use, with the most popular items being the pressing machines. This equipment provides a healthy outlet for our population and encourages them to improve their mental, physical, and spiritual health.” Based on some feedback we've received, we're in the process of developing a new line of products that are more space efficient, carrying a smaller footprint and allowing several users at one time.



Which of your company's offerings are currently generating the most buzz in the corrections industry?

TriActive USA's products are extremely unique - all made of high gauge steel and powder coated, our products do not include any cables, pulleys, pins, hydraulics or free weights, but rather are designed for use against one's own body weight. These features have quickly propelled us into becoming one of the most trusted correctional fitness equipment manufacturers in the industry. Although our equipment is designed for the outdoors, many of our customers choose to install our equipment in their indoor gyms, or essentially anywhere space is available, giving the customer flexibility in installation. Because our equipment is body resistant only, still allowing for an effective workout, we're able to give facility operators peace of mind around safety and liability. Another common concern we hear from facility staff is bulking up inmates to become an eventual threat, but by eliminating free weights and resistance adjustments, we're able to offer facilities that balance of still giving offenders an outlet to improve without jeopardizing one's ability to feel safe. Physical and mental health are big contributors to a successful rehabilitation and we're determined to continue to innovate new product ideas for successful implementation of exercise equipment into correctional facilities.

How do you think the detention equipment market has evolved the most over the past decade or so, and what has spurred that change?

There's no denying the industry has evolved over the past decade and I think the biggest thing we're seeing, as mentioned, is the emphasis and focus on rehabilitation. We're seeing a big transformation in how these facilities are being designed, even if it

equipment trends

doesn't involve new construction, a lot of facilities are converting specific living units to be more home-like, which encourages good behavior and the willingness amongst inmates to be better in all facets of their life. I think generally speaking, exercising more consistently and being outside are some of the most beneficial things you can do in order to feel better about yourself. This "energy" carries over into really taking full control of one's life and ideally re-shaping one's well-being. It's important though, in these types of facilities, that the exercise equipment being installed is vandal resistant, durable and robust, and effective in being used safely. There was a time that incarceration was not looked at this way, but I think if the end goal is to reduce recidivism, clearly the old way of managing incarceration was not effective, so it's good to see the industry evolving in this way.

What do you think the next 5-10 years holds for the corrections industry and for your company in particular?

I think we will continue to see an emphasis on rehabilitation and alternative sentencing programs. There's a growing recognition that simply locking people up hasn't been the most effective way to address incarceration, but rather take the time to learn the root causes of criminal behavior and help offenders reintegrate into society. In terms of products, obviously technology will continue to have a positive impact on corrections, but more simply, the incorporation of offender exercise equipment as an effective tool to positively impact



the corrections industry. By introducing these recreation programs, correctional facilities emphasize the importance of physical activity, which is directly linked to improving mental health and the overall well-being of inmates. Today, it's not all about punishment, but more about creating an environment that encourages personal growth and positive habits. The challenge is ensuring that the equipment is used safely and doesn't become a source of conflict, which is why we feel TriActive USA has a bright future in the corrections space, as we address these challenges head on. We know from talking with our customers that exercise equipment is viewed as a privilege amongst offenders, which creates a mutual respect amongst the population and is a step towards a more holistic and effective approach to corrections.