



Illinois Department of Corrections Breaks Ground on \$150 Million Mental Health Treatment Center

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JOLIET – The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) is constructing a 200-bed mental health and general medicine treatment center in Joliet. This facility will provide the most intensive level of care for incarcerated men and women with mental illness or who require long-term skilled nursing care.

IDOC was joined by Illinois Senator Pat McGuire, Representative Lawrence Walsh, Joliet Mayor Bob O'Dekirk, and AFSCME Council 31 representatives for an official groundbreaking ceremony Monday morning.

“We are changing the way we do corrections in Illinois,” said IDOC Director John Baldwin. “When an individual is sentenced to our care and treatment, our goal is to send them home healthier and more well-adjusted. This new, state-of-the-art facility will help accomplish that.”

The 180,000-square foot Inpatient Treatment Center will be located in Joliet, Illinois on the same grounds as the existing Joliet Treatment Center. The \$150 million facility will provide services to both male and female patients. More than 400 people will work at the facility including physicians, nurse practitioners, licensed psychologists, and correctional treatment officers.

IDOC partnered with the state's Capital Development Board (CDB) for this major construction project. CDB secured a Design-Build team comprised of River City Construction and architectural and engineering firms, HOK and HDR. The project will produce nearly 200 construction jobs in the Joliet area.

This new Inpatient Treatment Center will ensure IDOC meets its obligation to provide inpatient beds and programming space for seriously mentally ill offenders, as outlined in the *Rasho v Baldwin* settlement agreement.

Construction of the Joliet Inpatient Treatment Center is expected to be completed in 2021.

Video of the groundbreaking ceremony can be found [here](#).