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Nevada Launches New Industry at High Desert State Prison

The Nevada Department of Corrections' (NDOC) Silver State Industries has partnered with Sewing Collection Inc. to launch a new prison industry that teaches inmates valuable work skills and protects the environment.

The industry is based in a 10,000 square foot industrial bay at NDOC's High Desert State Prison near Las Vegas. Sewing Collection Inc. collects clothing hangars from retail stores throughout the western United States and delivers them to HDSP where inmates clean, sort, and repackage the hangars. Sewing Collection Inc. then sells the hangars back to retail stores.

"This industry will give our inmates a strong work ethic by providing them structure and employment skills," explained NDOC's Bill Quenga, Deputy Director of NDOC's Industrial Program. "They will inventory, clean, and repackage thousands of hangars a day, which will teach them valuable warehousing and production skills."

Silver State Industries is a self-supporting industrial program where inmates manufacture or repurpose products inside NDOC prisons.



Clothing hangars that have been cleaned and repackaged by Nevada inmates are ready for pick-up and redistribution. This work is the result of a new industry offered by the Nevada Department of Corrections.

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Sorting and cleaning hangars is a labor-intensive process, and involving inmates in this work allows Sewing Collection Inc. to repurpose millions of hangars that might otherwise end up in United States' landfills.

“Nevada is committed to providing low-risk inmates work skills that reduces the likelihood they will commit crimes after leaving prison,” said NDOC Director James Dzurenda. “Silver State Industries does this by involving inmates in everything from clothing manufacturing and woodworking to horse gentling and printing. Partnering with Sewing Collection Inc. and adding this work to NDOC’s repertoire is a natural expansion.”

During the first week of operation, 16 inmates sorted, cleaned, and repackaged 2,400 hangars, earning a wage based on productivity. As processes and workflows are streamlined, NDOC plans to double the number of inmate working in this industry.

For more information about Silver State Industries, please visit www.ssi.nv.gov.

For more information about Sewing Collection Inc., please visit www.sewingcollection.com/about-us.

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