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Penitentiary Wins Physical Plant Award

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The South Dakota State Penitentiary was awarded the Most Improved Physical Plant during the state Physical Plant Directors Conference June 2-3.

The honor is given for excelling in meeting a long list of criteria, including overall facility appearance, cleanliness, efficiency and energy management.

Several major physical plant projects have been completed recently:

- *An energy conservation program was initiated to prevent the Penitentiary from exceeding the allotted kilo watt hours from the Western Area Power Association;
- *Numerous tuckpointing projects are underway, including the east perimeter wall of the Penitentiary. The portion of that wall not being tuckpointed will be replaced by a chain link fence;
- *Security upgrades of the Penitentiary, including the Special Housing Unit;
- *Completion of Infirmary and a new Visit Room entrance at the Jameson Annex;
- *New fire escape installed in the Coolidge Learning Center;
- *New boiler points installed at the Penitentiary.