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Penitentiary Hosts Regional Training Seminar

(Pierre) – The South Dakota State Penitentiary played host to several corrections and county jail staff members from South Dakota and other neighboring states as part of a regional training session through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC).

The training session on September 11th included four people from South Dakota, including one from the Federal Prison Camp in Yankton, two staff from Minnesota, two from Nebraska and four from North Dakota.

Pete Norris, Training Specialist at the Penitentiary, conducted the training session. Norris is a Regional Field Coordinator (RFC) for the Central Region of the NIC.

NIC's Regionalization Project is a nationwide, resource-leveraging project designed to build capacity -sharing networks among nontraditional partners from juvenile and adult correctional agencies at the local, state and federal levels.

The 40 RFC's -- 10 from each of four designated regions -- share training programs, resources, and ideas with their counterparts around the country. The disciplines of community corrections, jails, juvenile justice, prisons, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons are equally represented.

Each region creates custom training and training-related products annually to meet its own, unique correctional training needs.

Norris also conducted a training session in January with nine staff from various DOC facilities and county jails from South Dakota, six from MN, and one from Nebraska.