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### **DISTRICT TO ASSUME OPERATION OF THE CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY IN FEBRUARY OF 2017**

**(Washington D.C.)** Today, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced that the District's Department of Corrections (DCDOC) will resume oversight of the Correctional Treatment Facility upon expiration of the current contract with Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) on January 30, 2017. Since execution of the contract in 1997, the CCA has operated the Correctional Treatment Facility which houses minimum and medium security inmates, female offenders, juveniles being adjudicated as adults and other special populations. The Correctional Treatment Facility, which at this time houses approximately 600 inmates, is located next door to the Central Detention Facility (also known as the D.C. Jail). According to Tom Faust, Director of DCDOC, "this change in oversight will translate to greater operational flexibility for the District and allow the Department to further expand programmatic and treatment opportunities and broaden reentry options for the men and women in our custody."

In moving forward with the transition, DCDOC is working closely with CCA management and line staff to share information and ensure there is full transparency throughout the process. Transition planning teams comprised of CCA and DOC staff have been established and are meeting on a regular basis to collaboratively plan for each phase of the management change. Director Faust is enthusiastic about the work done so far and notes that "we are being both proactive and strategic in addressing every personnel, administrative, fiscal, operational and programmatic issue associated with the change in facility oversight."

The Mayor's Fiscal Year 2017 budget presented to the D.C. Council includes a one-time enhancement of \$5.9 million to cover costs associated with the changeover. Following the initial transition year, baseline funding already allocated for the Correctional Treatment Facility will support continued operations under Department of Corrections' leadership.

Mayor Bowser, a strong advocate for the District's returning citizen population, views this transition as an opportunity to improve outcomes for those coming back to neighborhoods and communities throughout the city. And as part of this effort, the Bowser Administration will collaborate with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) to expedite the movement of residents nearing release to the Correctional Treatment Facility for comprehensive reentry programming.



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