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To: All Inmates Housed OOS
From: VTDOC Central Office
Date: May 21, 2015
Re: OOS Contract

The VT Department of Corrections has entered into a contract with the GEO Group for the purpose of housing Vermont's out of state incarcerated population. This contract goes into effect just before the current contract expires on June 30, 2015.

All inmates residing out of state by the time the contract ends will be transferred to the North Lake Correctional Facility.

This facility is located just outside the town of Baldwin, Michigan and is approximately 936 miles from The Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield, Vermont.

The North Lake Correctional Facility was originally constructed in 1999 and was renovated in 2009 making it a more modern and well-kept facility. The facility has a capacity of 1912 inmates and utilizes pod design living units with wet cells.

This facility has recreation facilities as well as indoor gymnasiums that provide ample space for individual and team activities.

We realize that this may raise some questions for you as transfers sometimes do.

Here are some questions commonly asked regarding transfers:

1. Will I be able to bring my game console and/or TV?	Yes you will be allowed to bring your game consoles and TV's.
2. Will the Vermont inmates be housed with inmates from other jurisdictions?	No. All Vermont inmates will be housed in separate living units from inmates from other jurisdictions.

3. What is the mailing address?	Inmate last name, Inmate first name Vermont PID# North Lake Correctional Facility 1805 W. 32nd Street Baldwin, MI 49304
4. What will my allowable property list look like?	The allowable property list will be the same as the allowable list in LAC.
5. Will I be in a facility issued uniform?	Yes the facility will issue you three uniforms as well as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks – three pairs • Undershirts – two • Underpants – seven • Thermal tops and bottoms – two pairs • Trousers – two • Shirts – two • Shorts – one • Winter coat – one • Belt, if trousers do not have elasticized waist – one • Shoes – one pair • Pajamas – two pairs • Gloves – one pair • Knit cap – one
6. Will the facility provide me with cold weather gear like a jacket, hat and gloves?	Yes the facility will issue you cold weather gear like a jacket, hat and gloves
7. Will I have access to educational opportunities?	Yes the facility will offer GED testing, vocational education as well as computer skills classes.
8. Will I have access to a facility job?	The facility will offer jobs.
9. What will the commissary look like?	Commissary services will be provided weekly and the menu of available items will be similar to what you currently have access to.
10. Will I be able to have video visits?	Yes, video visits will be available daily. There are on-site visits as well.
11. What are the on-site visitation times?	The facility visiting schedule presently is: Friday: 9:00 am to 3:00pm Saturday: 9:00 am to 3:00pm Scheduled Holidays

	<p>Pre-arranged visits with 2 (week) advanced notice for any day not referenced above.</p> <p>Please note - VT visitors should be encouraged to advance the day and time of arrival for visitation to the facility - as accommodations will be made to avoid delays associated with the distance traveled.</p>
12. What are the facility Rules?	You will be provided an inmate handbook detailing facility rules during the facility orientation process – generally, within 24 hours of your arrival.
13. Will the facility utilize the VT DOC policy (410) when it comes to discipline?	Yes the facility will utilize VT DOC policy 410 as well as VT DOC policy 320 on grievances.
14. Will there be an opportunity to practice my religion?	Yes.
15. Will my medical pass be honored or will I need to re-apply (medical diets/bottom bunk passes)?	A medical screening will occur upon arrival so you will need to re-apply for any and all special accommodations.
16. Is this a lock-down facility?	No. Vermont inmates will be housed in either a General Population unit, a Step-Up/Step-Down unit or a Segregation unit.

Please refer your friends and family to the VT Department of Corrections public website <http://doc.vermont.gov/> to see the latest Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).