

Foundation Telecommunications, Inc. to Provide Distance-Learning System to Newton, Texas Correctional Facility for Correctional Cable TV.

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Foundation Telecommunications, Inc., (FTI) announces their appointment by Correctional Cable TV, Inc. a subsidiary of Classic Communications, Inc., for the installation of an interactive remote site distance learning system, located at the Newton Texas facility of the Correctional Services Corporation. Satellite Education Network (SEN), an innovation of Correctional Cable TV, Inc., is the newest technology applied to distance learning programming in correctional centers throughout the United States. The network utilizes fully interactive technology to provide real-time educational broadcasts in a cost-effective delivery model that provides high quality educational programming in essential areas of instruction.

Ron Schaeffer, Vice President Correctional Cable TV, Inc. states, "The Satellite Education Network has initiated programming to Correctional Services Corporation at their Newton, Texas facility. The programming consists of a curriculum comprised of GED preparation, Life Skills, and ESL. As of this date the staff seemed to be extremely pleased with this concept of distance learning."

President/CEO of FTI, George Livergood, stated, "We are all extremely pleased that Correctional Cable TV is taking advantage of the broad service area provided by the Telstar 5 satellite. There is virtually no location in North America that CCT/SEN cannot reach on a reliable cost effective and immediate basis."

The system at the Newton County Correctional Facility is an expanded version of the standard SEN classroom environment. Equipment at the two classrooms includes televisions, MPEG1/MPEG2 digital decoder and the IML wireless interactive response system expanded from thirty to fifty students. All downlink equipment is provided, including all maintenance and upgrades at no cost as a part of the annual SEN subscription. The IML interactive response system not only allows for "keypad" data transmission of real-time student response to the instructor but interactive voice communications as well. This allows the instructor to track the progress of students, classrooms, individual instructor assigned demographic profiles, as well as, speak with students through the use of the wireless hand-held response units.

Michael Knowles, President of IML, Ltd. stated, "The combination of high quality video and graphics presentations with interactive keypads gives inmates a very effective and engaging learning environment. Instantly displaying everyone's results back to the class over the satellite keeps them attentive and highly motivated."

For more information on the CCT/SEN programming, contact Ron Schaeffer, Vice President Correctional Cable TV/Satellite Education Network at 800/254-4030.

Foundation Telecommunication, Inc. (www.ftionline.com) provides both one-way and two-way satellite Internet connectivity, as well as, in business TV, video conferencing and distance learning networks for one-way and interactive applications. FTI combines experience and expertise to provide complete end-to-end customized satellite distance education and business networks including network design, digital satellite equipment, electronic origination and remote classrooms, space segment and overall network control.

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