# DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

<b>Policy Number:</b>	403.090
Title:	<b>MINNCOR</b> Customer Credit
<b>Effective Date:</b>	11/6/18

**PURPOSE:** To provide a uniform customer credit procedure to ensure that MINNCOR products and services are sold only to creditworthy customers.

**APPLICABILITY:** Minnesota Corrections Industries Program (MINNCOR) in adult facilities and central office

### **DEFINITIONS:**

<u>D & B Report<sup>®</sup></u> – a credit history and rating available from Dun and Bradstreet, a private credit reporting firm.

## **PROCEDURES:**

- A. For all private industry and not-for-profit (non-government) orders where credit is extended, all MINNCOR sales staff must ensure that new private customers are creditworthy prior to selling them products or services.
  - 1. Sales of less than \$500 can be made to new customers without a credit check, if the product is shipped collect on delivery (COD) only or paid by credit card.
  - 2. All other exceptions require authorization by MINNCOR chief financial officer (CFO) or designated MINNCOR finance staff.
- B. Customers must submit purchase orders to an account manager or customer service representative at MINNCOR central office. Customers without an assigned MINNCOR credit limit must complete a MINNCOR credit application and submit it to the MINNCOR CFO.
- C. The MINNCOR CFO (or a designated accounting staff person in the absence of the CFO) determines the appropriate credit limits for new customers using the D & B Report, bank references, business references, the Better Business Bureau rating, and sound business practices.
- D. If necessary, the MINNCOR CFO files a security agreement or obtains a bank letter of credit.
- E. Customer credit application and corresponding reports, references, letter of credit, and other similar documents are scanned into the electronic data management system and retained according to MINNCOR's records retention schedule.
- F. MINNCOR accepts customer purchase orders as long as the outstanding order amount falls within the established credit limit.

### **INTERNAL CONTROLS:**

A. Customer credit applications and information is retained in MINNCOR's electronic data management system in accordance with MINNCOR's record retention schedule.

### ACA STANDARDS: None

### **REFERENCES:** <u>Minn. Stat. § 241.27</u>

**REPLACES:** Division Directive 403.090, "MINNCOR Customer Credit," 8/5/14. All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

ATTACHMENTS: None

#### **APPROVALS:**

Deputy Commissioner, Facility Services Deputy Commissioner, Community Services Assistant Commissioner, Facility Services Assistant Commissioner, Operations Support