

## **Local and Federal Contract Partnerships to House Inmates**

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Fiscal impacts and budgetary constraints continue to be problematic for jail managers. While inmate population rises, budgets and resources continue to decrease. This research will review the strengths and weaknesses associated with entering into contracts with state and federal agencies to house offenders. A survey of sixteen Florida county jails was conducted with eighty-one percent (81%) participating. The survey identified strengths and weaknesses encountered during the contract process. The data in this study does support that qualitatively evaluated contractual partnerships between local and federal agencies does provide a successful and cost effective means of generating additional revenue for local government.