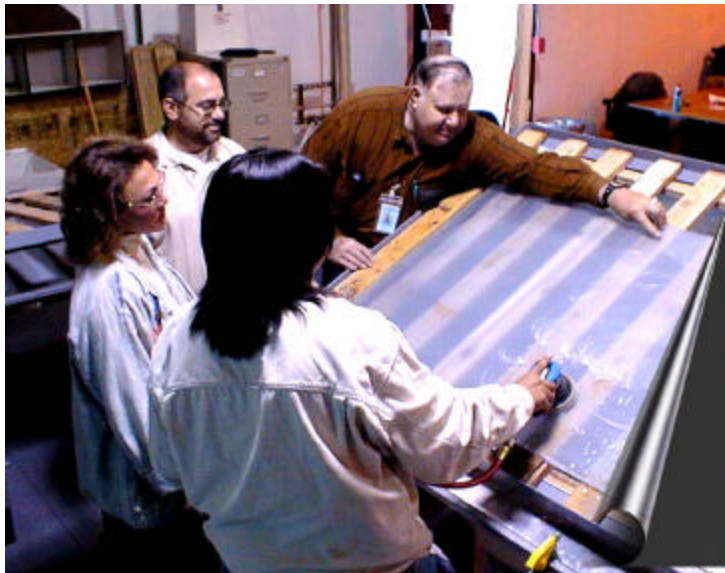




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*A public-private partnership
involving Washington Department of Corrections,
General Administration's Plant Operations Support Consortium
and 3M Corporation*

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Executive Summary, Lexan Restoration Project

An innovative, public-private partnership business effort has taken root and is proving its taxpayer savings in Washington state. The Lexan® Restoration Project (LRP) has all the components of a start-up enterprise and promises to save NASCA members and other public organizations millions in avoided costs. Lexan is a registered trademark for a type of polycarbonate used instead of glass. Many public agencies have long used products such as Lexan and Plexiglass®, because of obvious advantages over glass: lighter weight, better impact-absorbent tendencies, customization alternatives and ease of installation. Lexan and Plexiglass are used as windows, security screens, aircraft canopies, protective covers for signs, maps and diagrams and many other applications. A major limitation of using Lexan has been an inability to repair sheets damaged by normal use and/or vandalism. New Lexan sheets are expensive. One 4'x 3' sheet of 1 ½ inch-thick Lexan costs \$1,478.

Washington Corrections Center in Shelton partnered with General Administration's Plant Operations Support (POS) Consortium and the 3M Corporation to develop a regimen that can restore visual clarity to a damaged sheet of the same dimensions for just \$178, a savings of nearly 90 percent! The project uses inmate labor, and is predicated on film and abrasive products provided exclusively by 3M. In its first 12 months of operation, the innovative project has saved the Department of Corrections more than \$145,000 and promises to surpass \$500,000 statewide by July 2001. NASCA members may replicate the project in their own correctional facilities or partner with Washington. The potential for national application of this process is unlimited and the savings could easily surpass \$25 million (35 states in two years).