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GEO ANNOUNCES WINTER 2012 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The GEO Group Australia has released details of its conference schedule for winter and early spring 2012.

Following GEO's selection in consortium with Mission Australia and Social Finance as preferred partner for NSW's (and Australia's) first Social Benefit Bond, the consortium has been invited by hosts Deakin University to speak at the Reintegration Puzzle Conference 2012 (Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 25-27 July).

With the theme *'Physical, Mental, and Social Health: Implications for Reintegration'* representatives from GEO, Mission Australia and Social Finance will hold a panel discussion on their experiences with the NSW Social Benefit Bond.

In August, representatives of GEO subsidiary, GEO Care Australia, will speak at the 3rd Annual Correctional Services Healthcare Summit in Melbourne.

Having been awarded the contract to provide primary healthcare to all of Victoria's publicly managed prisons, senior GEO Care Australia managers will update conference delegates on a range of mission-critical initiatives and related experiences.

GEO Care Australia is proud to be the major sponsor of this prestigious event to be staged at Novotel Melbourne on Collins from 27-28 August.

International interest in Social Benefit Bonds and NSW's lead in piloting these is reflected in the inaugural Social Finance Forum to be held on 26 September at Sydney Harbour Marriott.

Presented by the Centre for Social Impact, The GEO Group Australia is both a sponsor and speaker at this event, which boasts an international line-up of speakers from government, finance and service providers.

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“The correctional and correctional health landscapes continue to change rapidly, offering both challenges and opportunities,” said The GEO Group Australia managing director Pieter Bezuidenhout.

“These conferences are an invaluable way for practitioners to stay abreast of these developments and — as a key player in these matters — The GEO Group Australia is proud to share our involvement and innovations.”

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About The GEO Group Australia

The GEO Group Australia is Australia’s largest provider of outsourced correctional services. With 1,500 employees, The GEO Group Australia provides safe and secure services to the Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland Governments through the management of correctional centres and the provision of primary health care services. GEO delivers critical public services that are cost effective and represent value for money for the taxpayer. With security and public safety as a priority, The GEO Group Australia intervenes with the 3,500 offenders in our care to reduce reoffending and prevent the community becoming victims of crime. The GEO Group Australia is part of The GEO Group, Inc. the world’s largest international provider of outsourced correctional services, with over 80,000 offenders and 116 facilities under management across four continents. For further information please visit www.thegeogroupinc.com.au

About GEO Care Australia

GEO Care Australia is Australia’s largest outsourced correctional healthcare provider. Operating across all of Victoria’s publicly managed prisons, GEO Care Australia provides primary healthcare services to over 3400 prisoners. GEO Care Australia manages a diverse and dispersed workforce of healthcare professionals across metropolitan and rural Victoria.

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