**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** 500 12<sup>th</sup> St SW, Stop 5009 Washington, DC 20536



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Heidi Altman National Immigrant Justice Center 1099 New York Ave NW #670 Washington, DC 20001

**RE:** ICE FOIA Case Number 2018-ICFO-26860

Dear Ms. Altman:

This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), dated March 12, 2018, for names and entities that provided responses to RFI (MULTIAOR-RFI-00001) and the corresponding location(s) (city, county, state) of the proposed detention facility discussed therein (see request for more detail).

ICE has considered your request under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A search of the ICE Office of Acquisition Management (OAQ) for records responsive to your request produced 2 pages that are responsive to your request. ICE has determined that 2 pages will be released in their entirety; ICE has claimed no deletions or exemptions.

If you deem this to be an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8, to:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of the Principal Legal Advisor U.S. Department of Homeland Security 500 12th Street, S.W., Mail Stop 5900 Washington, D.C. 20536-5900

Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the FOIA office and refer to FOIA case number **2018-ICFO-26860**. You may send an email to ice-foia@ice.dhs.gov, call toll free (866) 633-1182, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Fernando Pineiro, in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Catrina M. Pavlik-Keenan FOIA Officer

Enclosure(s): 2 pages

# RFI Response Summary – October 2017 Immigration Detention Services – Multiple Areas of Responsibility (Chicago, Detroit, St. Paul, and Salt Lake City)

#### **CHICAGO AOR:**

- **GEO Group** Proposed newly constructed 800 bed facility in Newton County, IN located 66 miles from the Chicago Field Office. No cost information provided.
- MTC Proposed newly constructed 1,280 bed facility in Hopkins Park, IL, located 78 miles from the Chicago Field Office. No cost information provided.
- Kankakee County, IL Existing and currently used Jerome Combs Detention Center (Shared Facility) with immediate capacity for 200 ICE beds (current ICE ADP is about 105). A partially constructed annex could be finished which would provide an additional 300 ICE beds, to a total of 500 ICE beds at JCDC. No cost information provided.
- **Corecivic** Proposed newly constructed 1,152 bed facility in Elkhart County, IN located 115 miles from the Chicago Field Office. No cost information provided.
- Immigration Centers of America (ICA) Proposed newly constructed 600 or 1200 bed facility. Not clear where they intend to build. Only floor plans attached and no cost information provided.

## **DETROIT AOR:**

- Calhoun County, MI Proposed newly constructed Calhoun County Jail (CCJ) dedicated ICE facility with 250 300 beds in Battle Creek, MI located 123 miles from the Detroit Field Office and 168 miles from the Chicago Field Office. The 250-300 beds would be in addition to the 250 ICE beds currently available at the Calhoun County Correctional Center (CCCC), to a total of up to 550 ICE beds.
- Corecivic Proposed newly constructed 640 bed facility in Elkhart County, IN located 194 miles from the Detroit Field Office. No cost information provided.
- Wayne County, MI No formal response received, but a phone call was made to OAQ
  to inform ICE that future bed space will be available in approximately 2-3 years after the
  construction of a new county detention facility. However, the facility on offer is an older
  site with no medical facilities. More information will be provided after the close of the
  RFI.
- Immigration Centers of America (ICA) Proposed newly constructed 600 or 1200 bed facility. Not clear where they intend to build. Only floor plans attached and no cost information provided.

#### ST. PAUL AOR:

- Sherburne County Sheriff's Office Existing Shared Facility with 300 ICE beds available
  by January 2018 (new construction could accommodate another 200 ICE beds, to a total
  of 500 beds). Located 49 miles from the St Paul Field Office. No cost information
  provided.
- MTC Proposed newly constructed 640 bed facility in Oronco, MN located 88 miles from the St Paul Field Office. No cost information provided.
- Corecivic Prairie Correctional Facility (PCF) vacant existing facility with capacity for 200 600 beds in Appleton, MN located 160 miles from the St Paul Field Office. No cost information provided.
- Immigration Centers of America (ICA) Proposed newly constructed 600 or 1200 bed facility. Not clear where they intend to build. Only floor plans attached and no cost information provided.

#### **SALT LAKE CITY AOR:**

- GEO Group Existing Aurora Annex (Aurora, CO) with 432 beds located 522 miles from the SLC Field Office. No cost information provided.
- MTC Proposed newly constructed 640 bed facility in Evanston, WY located 83 miles from the SLC Field Office. No cost information provided.
- Corecivic Existing Nevada Southern Detention Center (NSDC) Shared Facility with expansion capability up to 604 ICE beds in Pahrump, NV located 481 from the SLC Field Office and 63 miles from Las Vegas, NV. No cost information provided.

### **OTHER RESPONSES:**

- National Immigrant Justice Center (Heartland Alliance) Letter received from National Immigrant Justice Center (Heartland Alliance) on behalf of fourteen (14) non-profit organizations voicing concerns with, and opposition to, ICE detention expansion.
- Robert E. Rutkowski, Esq. Email received from an attorney in Topeka, KS mentioning the letter sent on behalf of the fourteen (14) NGOs and voicing similar concerns.