



**U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement**

June 22, 2026

The Honorable Gina Ortiz Jones  
Mayor of San Antonio  
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Dear Mayor Ortiz Jones:

Thank you for your February 23 and April 8, 2026 letters to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). I am responding on behalf of the Department.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is reimagining its detention structure and acquisition strategy to address rising operational tempo and increasing arrests. These efforts aim to meet the growing demand for bedspace and streamline the detention and removal process. In order to meet these growing demands and ensure ICE can achieve its critical mission of arresting and removing aliens from the United States, ICE is procuring non-traditional facilities that will be retrofit to ICE's design standards to support the agency's critical mission. Please note, ICE plans to renovate these facilities to safely, securely, and humanely house detainees.

The facilities will be purpose built and will abide by all applicable laws and regulations to include the International Building Code, Architectural Barriers Act, ICE national detention standards, and all other applicable Executive Orders and federal laws. ICE is committed to providing safe, secure, and humane environments for all those in its custody, no matter what type of facility in which they are housed. ICE continues to evaluate bedspace requirements and availability and is committed to strategically using existing detention beds in a fiscally responsible manner as well as ensuring the safety and security of detainees in its custody.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has acquired a site in San Antonio, Texas, which is intended to serve as a processing facility with an estimated average daily population of 1,000 to 1,500 individuals. ICE anticipates bringing this facility online in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2027; however, the procurement process is ongoing, and no contract has been awarded at this time. Upon contract award, ICE will coordinate with the selected detention services vendor and the local ICE field office to engage state and local representatives and ensure effective facility operations. ICE will also collaborate with the vendor, city authorities, and utility service providers to review design plans and proposed engineering solutions. ICE encourages community stakeholders to raise any concerns during forthcoming discussions to facilitate timely resolution. Additionally, ICE will communicate with federal, state, and local lawmakers, as well as law enforcement and emergency services representatives, as soon as practicable.

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Thank you again for your letter. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the ICE Office of Partnership and Engagement at [iceope@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:iceope@ice.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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