



June 6, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Lead Compliance Inspector  
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Folkston ICE Processing Center Annex**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Folkston ICE Processing Center Annex in Folkston, Georgia during the period of June 4-6, 2019. This is a Designated IGSA (DIGSA).

The inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector. Team Members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility had not previously been inspected.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Folkston ICE Processing Center Annex is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - Yes
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - Yes
- The Joint Commission (TJC) - No
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - No

### **Standards Compliance**

The following information is a summary of the standards that were reviewed and overall compliance that was determined as a result of the 2019 annual inspection:



<i>2018 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	N/A
Does Not Meet Standard	N/A
Repeat Finding	N/A
Not Applicable	N/A

<i>2019 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified one (1) deficient component in the following one (1) standard:

Correspondence and Other Mail – 1

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Folkston ICE Processing Center Annex is a [REDACTED] DIGSA operated by the GEO Group, Inc. The facility is located in Folkston, Georgia which is in Charlton County in the South-East part of the state. GEO also operates another facility one quarter of a mile down the street. The other facility, Folkston ICE Processing Center, is referred to as the "Main facility" and this facility is referred to as the "Annex". Many resources including staff are shared back and forth between both facilities. [REDACTED]

The facility consists of six housing units with a design capacity from 32 beds to 116 beds. Four of the units [REDACTED] house high/medium and high classification detainees in two person cells; and the one [REDACTED] open dorm unit houses low/medium and low detainees which houses the facility's detainee workforce. All five of these units are accessed from a central rotunda or foyer. The law library and the leisure library are also accessed from this foyer. There is a control room staffed 24 hours a day directly above the foyer. The sixth unit is accessed from the hallway leading from the outside entryway. This unit has 24 beds in twelve rooms and serves as the facility's Restricted Housing Unit. Each housing unit has a dayroom which provides open space and seating for detainees to socialize and tables for board games. The dayrooms contain board games, a television, telephone banks, a microwave, and a kiosk for ordering commissary. Recreation is provided through outdoor recreation yards with basketball courts and soccer fields.

Detainee meals are prepared at the main facility and transported to the Annex in bulk containers to be plated and transported to the housing units where the meals are served in satellite fashion. The Annex has an intake/processing area and medical services are provided in the medical area within the administration building at the Annex. General visits occur on weekends and holidays in the intake area.

All staff were professional and cordial to the inspection team. All personnel interviewed were well versed in the National Detention Standards and had a good understanding of the concept of civil detention.

The inspection team visited the housing units several times during the inspection and interviewed no less than sixty detainees in groups and 24 detainees in a private setting. During the interviews, all detainees stated that they felt safe at the facility and there were no concerns regarding medical care, personal hygiene, telephones, food, mail, access to the law library, and the availability of ICE staff. All detainees stated that they had received a handbook and knew how to access services at the facility. Twelve of the interviews in a private setting were conducted with LEP detainees by a bilingual inspector. Two of the LEP detainees told the bilingual inspectors that they were recently verbally abused by two different officers within the past week. One stated that he had reported his incident through a facility grievance and the



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other stated that he had called the OIG Hotline and reported the incident. Information concerning both allegations were shared with the Assistant Warden for Operations to ensure they were investigated.

### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern or significant observations.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standard. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standard.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and non-compliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector  
Printed Name of LCI

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