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TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Houston CDF**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Houston CDF in Houston, Texas during the period of January 7-9, 2020. The facility is a CDF.

The annual 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 received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the January 2019 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Houston CDF 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) - Yes

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 and 2020 annual inspection.



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<i>2019 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	41
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified zero (0) deficient components.

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Houston CDF is a contract detention facility operated by CoreCivic and located near Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. The single-story facility maintains [REDACTED] and was built in 1984 with physical plant upgrades in 2005. Facility security and unit management staff directly supervise all custody levels of adult male and female detainees for ICE. [REDACTED]

Detainees are housed throughout 26 dormitories that range from twenty to sixty bed housing areas. Male detainees occupy 22 of the housing units; while the six remaining housing units are reserved for female detainees. There is a four-cell female segregation unit and a 32-cell male segregation unit. The medical unit has sixteen beds, including four negative air pressure cells. Living units are well lit with both natural and artificial light and have adequate open space for detainees. The dayrooms in each of the housing units are furnished with tables and chairs for detainees to participate in leisure time activities, socialize and eat their meals. Detainees were observed playing board games, reading, playing cards, visiting, watching television, and talking on the telephones. Computer tablets were recently installed in the living units to assist detainees in communicating with ICE staff, ordering commissary items and checking their account balances. The facility provides large indoor and outdoor recreation areas separately for male and female detainees. The female outdoor recreation area is equipped with exercise stations, basketball court and a flower garden for detainees to plant and care for flowers. The male outdoor recreation area has a basketball court, weight machine and a designated area to play soccer. Indoor recreation areas for both male and female detainees are equipped with stationary exercise bicycles and basketball courts.

The entire facility is climate controlled. The inspection team found the environment to be relaxed with detainees freely approaching inspectors, ICE officials and facility personnel to participate in formal interviews and general discussions. The facility appeared in good repair and the sanitation level was found to be above average. All officers interviewed were well-versed in facility guidelines and operating procedures as well as the National Detention Standards. Officers and staff were professional when dealing with detainees and the inspection team.

The inspection team conducted several open and confidential interviews with LEP and English-speaking detainees using the language line interpreter service. There were no substantive concerns voiced when asked about their personal safety, ICE services, treatment by staff, access to telephones, access to the law library, or food services. Most detainees expressed appreciation for the variety of exercise equipment, but some stated that they would like more than one hour a day of outside recreation. During one LEP confidential interview, a female detainee of Spanish descent shared that she had pending criminal charges at the time that ICE detained her and was concerned that she would be cited for failing to attend the court proceedings. Unit management personnel were made aware of her concern and the detainee was immediately shown how to use the computer tablet to request a meeting with the ICE officer.



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The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. Medical care is provided by IHSC uniformed and contract personnel. Food services is contracted with Trinity Services Group.

Detainee telephone services are provided by Talton Communications, Inc., via contract with ICE.

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 Standards. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty-one (41) standards were found to be in compliance.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of Meets Standards and Does Not Meet Standards 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

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Printed Name of LCI

Date

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