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TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the East Hidalgo Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the East Hidalgo Detention Center in La Villa, TX during the period of July 24-26, 2018. This is an IGSA facility.

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 National Detention Standards for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the August 2017 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The East Hidalgo Detention Center is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - Yes
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - No
- 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 2017 and 2018 annual compliance inspections:



<i>2017 Annual Inspection</i>	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

<i>2018 Annual Inspection</i>	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified twelve (12) deficient components in the following six (6) standards:

- Admission and Release - 1
- Detainee Handbook – 4
- Funds and Personal Property – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Disciplinary Policy – 2
- Staff Detainee Communications – 3
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The East Hidalgo Detention Center is owned and operated by the GEO Group, Inc., GEO Corrections. The single-story facility is located on 37 acres of land in the south Texas city of La Villa. [REDACTED]

The population count on the first day of the inspection was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ICE detainees are housed separately from other detainees. During the inspection all [REDACTED] detainees were housed in the same dormitory. The housing units provide adequate open space for detainees to socialize in the dayrooms and watch television. The atmosphere was relaxed and detainees were observed interacting with facility staff and other detainees. They spoke with the inspection team without hesitation.

All of the detainees spoke Spanish, with some being bilingual. The telephonic translation line was used to conduct confidential interviews of four LEP detainees. Detainees were asked if they felt safe at this facility, if they had access to medical care and ample opportunity to attend programs and services. All of the detainees interviewed stated that they were receiving services, offered recreation frequently and did not fear for their safety. Two of the detainees stated that detainees and staff treat each other with a great amount of respect and complimented staff for being responsive to their concerns. There were no complaints regarding the food and all confirmed that they have had a meeting with ICE personnel since entering this facility. Concerns among the detainees were specific to the amount of time that they had been in custody and the lack of knowledge regarding the resolution of their case. This information was passed on to the assigned ICE deportation officer for follow-up as necessary.

The inspection team visited the ICE detainee housing unit several times during the inspection. All of the detainees were interviewed and all stated that they felt safe in the facility and were treated well by facility staff. There were no complaints regarding the telephones, law library, visitation or food. The medical SME, who is bilingual, interviewed the detainees regarding their medical care and they had no concerns.



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The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Sanitation throughout the facility was observed to be good.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no concerns or significant observations during this inspection.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) standards were found Deficient and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-six (36) standards were found Acceptable.

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] (telephonically)
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Printed Name of LCI

Date

