

Communities Not Cages

About immigration detention:

- There are over 200 ICE immigration detention centers across the United States.
- Over 60 percent of people in ICE custody are held in privately-run immigrant detention centers.
- Private prison companies, GEO Group and Corrections Corporation of America/CoreCivic, profit off of immigrant suffering making approximately \$123-318 per day for every adult or family imprisoned.

What's happening in Texas now:

- ICE has released a solicitation to secure new 10-year contracts for three facilities in Texas: T. Don Hutto in Taylor, the South Texas Detention Complex in Pearsall, and the Houston Processing Center.
- If these contracts are renewed, ICE will be allowed to separate and lock up immigrant families and communities in Texas for the next decade.
- The renewal of these contracts will also serve as a blueprint for ICE to open new detention centers across the country through a process that circumvents community opposition and federal procurement laws.



About the detention centers ICE is aiming to keep open for a decade:

- The Houston Processing Center, operated by CoreCivic is the first private prison ever built in the United States. Since 2003, the Houston Processing Center has reported at least nine deaths in which ICE's own investigations have identified more than a dozen violations of government detention standards with no record of improvement.
- T. Don Hutto Residential Center, which detains women, is currently in litigation for not releasing the contract between ICE and CoreCivic after Williamson County Commissioners voted to terminate their agreement with ICE. The T. Don Hutto facility is currently operating in secrecy and has blocked community leaders from visitation to prevent any form of documentation. The facility has a long history of abuse including multiple sexual assaults by guards since 2010 and forced labor allegations currently in litigation.
- The South Texas Detention Complex, operated by the GEO Group, has subjected immigrants to indefinite solitary confinement, often as a form of retaliation. In 2018, the South Texas Detention Complex was identified as one of the top 15 immigrant detention centers with the most placements in solitary confinement.

TAKE ACTION!

We want policies that end the violence against our immigrant neighbors and allow communities to thrive without fear. Congress must intervene for a future with #CommunitiesNotCages! Send a postcard asking your member of Congress to take action here: <http://bit.ly/TXContracts>

