

Facts About the Williston, VT ICE Facilities (Last updated 1/10/26)

Overview: The scope of this fact sheet is two facilities used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Williston, Vermont. There are other facilities in the area that are also used by ICE or other DHS agencies, but these are not covered by this document. Also, this document only presents the facts that we know about these facilities, not possible actions we can take to reduce the harm caused by these operations.

Key Takeaway: There are two national ICE operations in Williston, Vermont that support ICE activities around the country. Both operations are investigative units, and there are many reasons we should be concerned about the violation of US Residents' privacy rights at these facilities. Also, since these facilities support national ICE activities, these facilities have a role in the illegal, violent, and immoral activities that we all have witnessed ICE engage in across the United States.

History of these Sites: This document does not cover the history of these sites. But a quick summary of the history was published by the Burlington Free Press in 2019.¹⁷ A key takeaway from that article is “[ICE’s] outsize presence in Vermont is attributable to one man: former senator Patrick Leahy.”

Location 1 - 188 Harvest Lane, Williston VT 05495

Building Size: 74,320 Square Feet¹

ICE Staffing Level: Approximately 60 (+/-20) based on count of cars in parking lot

Owner: Easterly Government Properties, Inc.⁷

Lease: Current lease runs through 2031 and is non-cancellable.⁷

Note: The previous owner, Pizzigalli Properties LLC, is still listed as the owner on the Williston town record database.¹



Photo of 188 Harvest Lane, Williston, Vermont

Current and Future Planned Operations at 188 Harvest Lane

- ICE's Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) and the Homeland Security Investigations Tip Line (HSITL) operate at this address.^{3,9} HSTIL is ICE's national tip line processing center.⁹ This is the only site for this function in the U.S.^{8,9}
- ICE also performs "proactive targeting" of individuals at this location based on tips and other information from Homeland Security Investigations.¹⁶
- ICE's National Crime Information Center (a.k.a. the ICE data center) is located here. It is ICE's central database for immigrants who may have criminal backgrounds. This center currently manages records for about 340,000 individuals.¹⁶
- This facility operates 24 hours / 365 day per year, processing and analyzing all tips received via phone or online.⁹
- ICE plans to add 100 employees to this location to expand the capacity of the tip line processing function.^{8,9}

Location 2 - 426 Industrial Avenue, Williston VT 05495

Building Size: 147,554 Square Feet¹ (ICE occupies about 35-40K square feet of this, based on floorplans posted in the common areas of the business park.)

ICE Staffing Level: Approximately 100 (+/-30) based on count of cars in parking lot

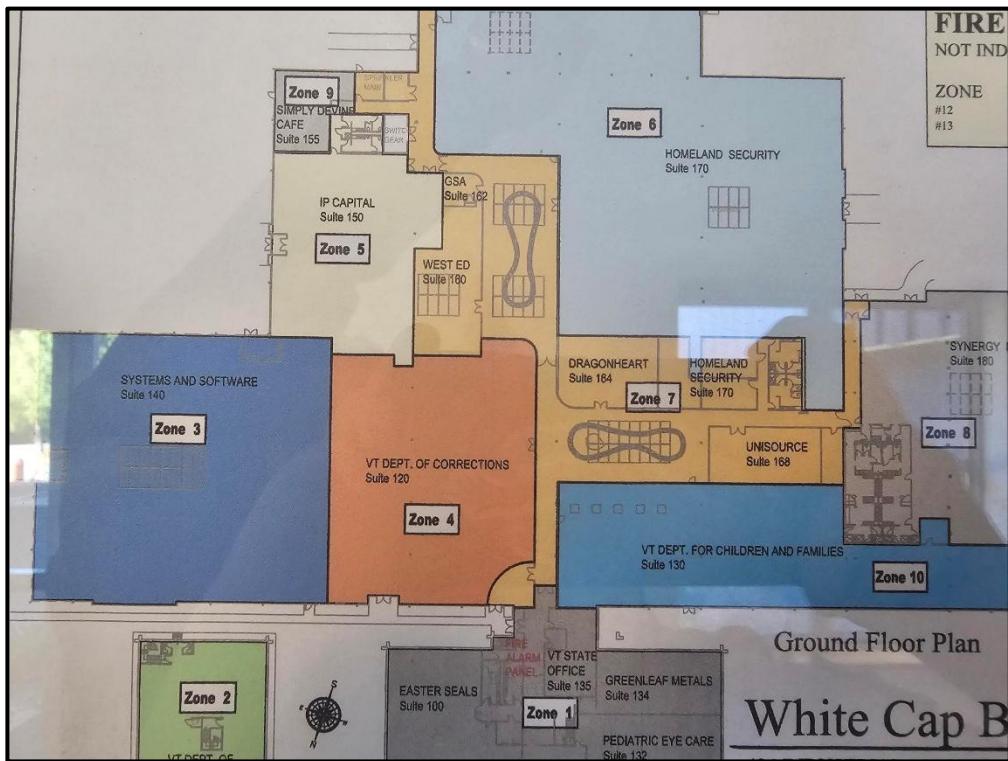
Owner: Whitecap Ventures LLC¹ (which is owned by J Graham Goldsmith, a local architect)²

Property Manager: Normand Stanislas – norm@njsrealestate.com, 802-316-6017

Lease: Reported to be very long term¹⁴



Photo of the Entrance to the NCATC at 426 Industrial Avenue, Williston, Vermont



Map of the Tenants at 426 Industrial Avenue (posted at the site)

“Homeland Security” in the top right is the NCATC, which is around the back of the building from the Industrial Avenue entrance. Also, the “Simply Divine Café” in the top left is open to the public, as is an atrium in the middle of the building (in yellow), which can be accessed from the cafe.

Go for a coffee and a visit!

Current and Future Planned Operations at 426 Industrial Avenue

- ICE’s National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center (NCATC), which is a division of ICE’s Targeting Operations Division (TOD), operates at this address^{5,10}. ICE states that the NCATC “analyzes data in numerous law enforcement and immigration databases to develop leads on removable noncitizens”, and that the “NCATC analyzes data in numerous law enforcement and immigration databases to develop leads on removable noncitizens that are provided to ERO’s 25 field offices.”¹⁵
- This is only one of two facilities in the country that performs these functions. The other is located in Santa Ana, California.^{4,10}
- The core operating hours of this facility are 7:00AM to 6:30PM, Monday through Friday.¹⁰
- In fiscal year 2023, this site investigated 4.6 million individuals.⁵
- There is a new effort underway to hire a contractor that would manage about 12 more employees at this facility who would “Scour Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, and other platforms, converting posts and profiles into fresh leads for enforcement raids.”^{5,10} It would even track “negative sentiment” on these platforms.⁴ The contractor would be expected to collect data on anyone who meets “ICE enforcement priorities,” the contracting documents show. In some cases,

analysts would also be expected to investigate a person's "family members, friends or co-workers" as a means of locating the "target" of the operation.^{5,6,10}

- The new contractors would be armed with powerful commercial databases such as LexisNexis Accurint and Thomson Reuters CLEAR, which knit together property records, phone bills, utilities, vehicle registrations, and other personal details into searchable files. The new contractor would also be expected to "weave artificial intelligence into the hunt". ICE's main investigative database, built by Palantir Technologies, already uses algorithmic analysis to filter huge populations and generate leads. The new contract would funnel fresh social media and open-source inputs directly into that system, further automating the process.⁴
- In August 2025, ICE reactivated a contract with Paragon Solutions^{11,12}, an Israeli spyware company whose flagship product, Graphite, can hack into any phone without the user knowing, accessing all applications (including Signal and WhatsApp), all data, and all functions of the phone, including the ability to turn the user's phone into a covert listening device.¹³ The RFI¹⁰ for the new contractors at this site mentions sourcing information from WhatsApp¹⁰, so it is implied that this tool could be used at the NCATC as well.

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