

September 27, 2018

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Albany County Correctional Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Albany County Correctional Facility in Albany, NY during the period of September 25-27, 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 NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the September 2017 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Albany County Correctional Facility is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - No
- 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 2017 and 2018 annual inspections:

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

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

The inspection team identified twenty-seven (27) deficient components in the following fifteen (15) standards:

- Admission and Release – 1
- Detainee Handbook – 1
- Food Service – 2, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Funds and Personal Property – 2, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Recreation – 1
- Religious Practices – 1
- Detainee Telephone Access – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Access to Medical Care – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Emergency (Contingency) Plans – 3, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Environmental Health and Safety – 5, three of which are repeat deficiencies
- Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Key and Lock Control – 2, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Security Inspections – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation) -1
- Tool Control – 4, three of which are repeat deficiencies

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Albany County Correctional Facility is owned and funded by Albany County and is managed under the jurisdiction of the Albany County Sheriff's Office. The facility is located in the town of Colonie ten miles north of Albany, New York. [REDACTED]

The physical plant was built in 1931 with an eighty-bed addition completed in 2011. [REDACTED] The compound is a single two-story building with the secure perimeter comprised of two twelve-foot chain link fences supplemented with razor ribbon. The entire perimeter is encircled by a paved road which is under camera surveillance, continuously monitored by main control officer, and patrolled on foot by an armed officer on each shift. All exterior doors are alarmed and monitored by main control officers.

The jail consists of 21 separate housing units of which four are dedicated to ICE detainees. The ICE detainee housing units/wings are fifty one-bed cells. Support services are accessed throughout the facility. Detainee movement is based on a pass system. The entire facility is surveilled by 240 cameras which are continuously monitored by main control officers. All housing units are managed by direct supervision and by roving officers. Both indoor and outdoor recreation is provided to general population detainees daily.

Detainees spoke with the inspection team without hesitation. The inspection team conducted 63 interviews with detainees. Seventeen were confidential interviews, seven were with LEP detainees, some by the use of a language line. The remainder of the interviews were in individual and/or group conversations in the housing unit dayrooms. There were no substantive concerns but a common theme centered about the bland food. Observations of food tray preparation during the inspection revealed quality, quantity and presentation of the meals appeared very acceptable. The few health care concerns heard were addressed with the medical staff and revealed proper medical treatment is being delivered. Detainees were given direct feedback by the medical SME after their concerns and medical files were discussed with health care staff. They were advised proper treatment and follow-up will be given for their conditions until satisfactory resolutions are achieved.

Medical services are provided by Center for Family Guidance (CFG Health Systems). Mental health services are provided by the Albany County Department of Mental Health. Food services are provided by Trinity Services Group. Maintenance services are provided by Albany County employees. ICE detainees do not incur medical co-payments.

### **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 Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS). No (0) standards were found Deficient and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-six (36) standards were found to be in compliance.

### **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]

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[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

Printed Name of LCI

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Date