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MTC to begin accepting illegal immigrant detainees today

Incredible Texas construction timeline creates 500 prison beds in just 40 days – with 1500 more coming in the next 50 days

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(CENTERVILLE, Utah) – Just over a month ago there was nothing but cotton growing at this 52-acre Raymondville, Texas site near the Mexico border. But as of today, the site will be home to non-Mexican illegal immigrants. As many as 250 detainees will be booked into the facility today. Up to 500 illegals are expected to be detained at the site within two weeks. And when construction is completed – by September 21, 2006 – the facility will accommodate up to 2000 detainees.

“This gives a whole new definition to a ‘fast-track’ project,” said Management & Training Corporation (MTC) Regional Corrections Vice President JC Conner. “The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced it needed 500 beds within 40 days...and a total of 2000 beds within 90 days. Hale-Mills Construction has completed the first phase of the project on time. Now MTC has the staffing in place to begin accepting inmates today.”

This \$64.8-million project has been carried out through an intergovernmental agreement between Willacy County (Texas) and the U.S. ICE department. The fast-track work order came after President Bush provided Congress with his proposed FY2007 budget. In that budget, the President announced a need for an additional 6,000 incremental detention beds. This marks a 28% growth in illegal immigrant bed space for ICE.

The architecture, designed for speed of construction, is the first of its kind for ICE. The project includes 10 pod-like domes, each housing 200 detainees (see attached aerial photo). The domes are constructed of steel beams covered with a tough synthetic-type fabric. The structures have cement floors, full modern plumbing, complete heat and air conditioning systems, insulation and full electrical wiring.

On July 3, 2006 the Willacy County Commission selected Utah-based Management & Training Corporation to operate the facility. “We were selected, in part, because of our pre-existing contractual relationship with the Willacy County Commission,” said MTC Sr. Corrections Vice President Odie Washington. “MTC is now contracted to operate the Willacy County Regional Detention Facility, located directly across the street from the new ICE facility.”

In just four weeks, MTC has hired 175 correctional officers, administrators and support staff to operate the new facility. Over the next fifty days, staffing numbers will grow to 375 as the full complement of 2000 detainee beds comes on line.

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