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Dear Mr. Sparks:

A comprehensive search of U.S. Army North files identified one record responsive to your Freedom of Information Act Request, FA-26-4957 dated March 24th, 2026.

After review of the file, I have determined it to be PARTIALLY RELEASABLE as portions of the record are exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act exemption (b) (6), withheld because the release of the exempted information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The authority for these exemptions can be found in the United States Code, Title 5, Section 552.

The Army North Freedom of Information Act Officer has redacted the exempt portions of the record and will provide the redacted record to you.

Methodology used to perform search:

a. Systems of Records Searched: SharePoint Online; Microsoft One Drive.

b. Keywords Used: all inspection reports, incident reports, complaints regarding immigrant detainees at military bases. Also, all records that reflect policies, procedures, and protocol regarding immigrant detainees at military bases.

c. Explanation: The Army North Operations Directorate possessed one document.

Total Directorate hours expended on this task and search and review time. Search time 5 hours; review time 2 hours; total 7 hours.

The point of contact for additional information is Mr. David Abbott, (571) 588-0602.

Deputy Chief of Staff,
For the CoS

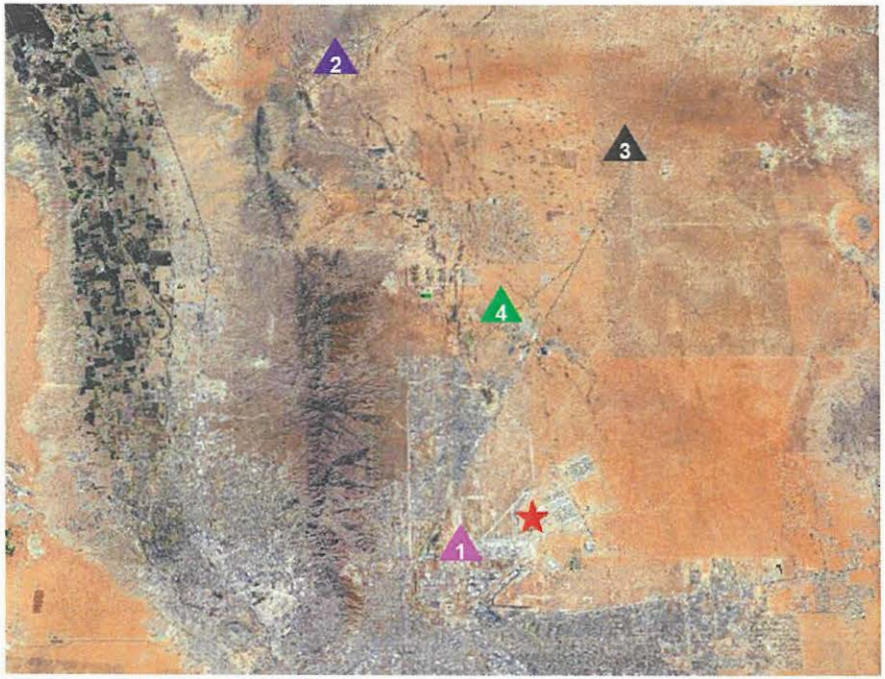
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Site Visit CONOP



1AD HQ, 11685 Sergeant Major Blvd, Fort Bliss, TX 79918

1 A/DACG

2 Dona Ana

3 Otero County Processing Center

4 CBP Migrant Facility

MISSION:

Facilitate a DHS/OSD/JS site visit of Dona Ana Range Complex, and surrounding area, to provide awareness of current FBTX capabilities for potential support to DHS.

TIMELINE:

1000 – Dona Ana Overview/Capabilities Brief, Torch Room, 1AD HQs
1030 – Depart 1AD HQs to A/DACG
1040 – Arrive A/DACG, brief overview of expulsion flights
1050 – Depart A/DACG to Dona Ana
1130 – Arrive Dona Ana, walkthrough of complex (barracks, admin buildings, DFAC)
1150 – Depart Dona Ana, drive by of Otero County Processing Center and CBP Migrant Facility
1300 – Arrive 1AD HQ, closeout discussion, Torch Room, 1AD HQs

PARTICIPANTS (pending refinement):

DHS:
- (b) (6) Deputy Incident Commander, NICC
- (b) (6) Custody Management, NICCICE/ERO
- (b) (6) Custody Management, ICE/ERO
- (b) (6) FOD, ELP ICE/ERO
- (b) (6) DFOD, ELP ICE/ERO

OSD:
- (b) (6) Director, Defense Support of Civil Authorities
- (b) (6)

Joint Staff:
- (b) (6) J-35 JOD Americas

USNORTHCOM
- (b) (6) J35
- Dawn Anderson, J4

FBTX:
- (b) (6) 1AD HSMC Chief of Staff
- FBTX Garrison CDR/CSM
- (b) (6) 1AD G35

POC: MAJ Joshua Mills, G35, 915-744-8050

Date: 24 February 2025

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1AD HQ to BAAF A/DACG – 10min Drive



POC: MAJ Joshua Mills, G35, 915-744-8050

Date: 21 February 2025

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BAAF A/DACG to Dona Ana – 50min Drive



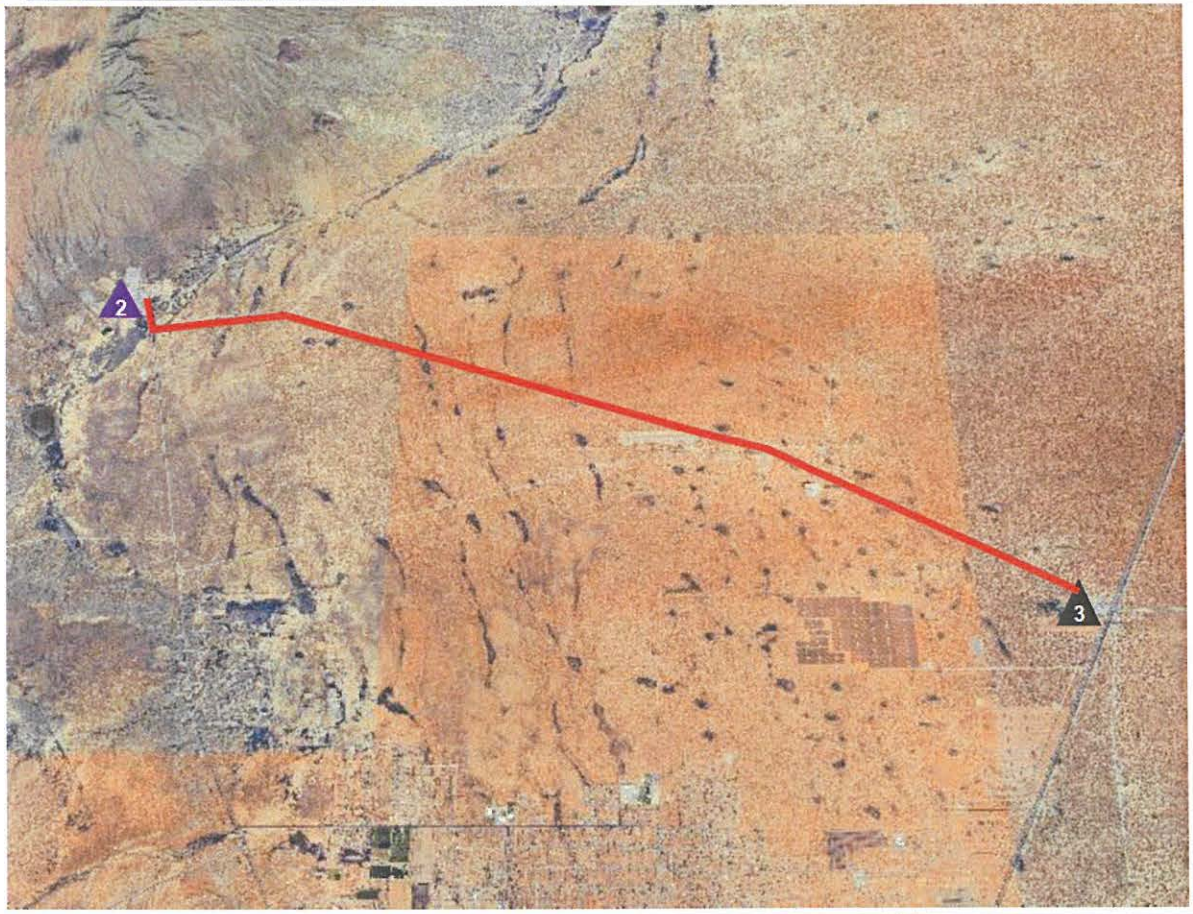
- 1AD HQ
- 1 A/DACG
- 2 Dona Ana
- 3 Otero County Processing Center
- 4 CBP Migrant Facility

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Dona Ana to Otero Processing Center – 25min Drive



★ 1AD HQ

1 A/DACG

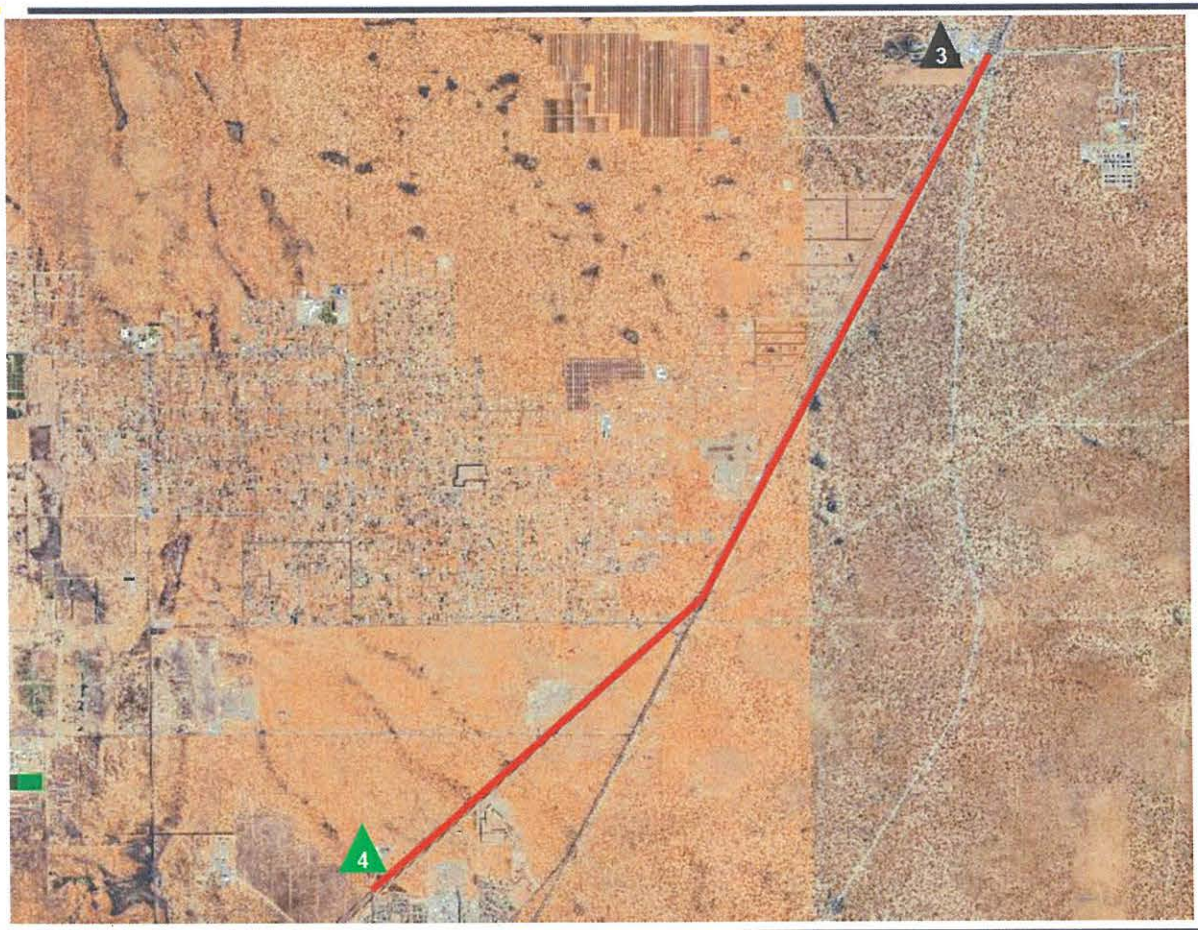
2 Dona Ana

3 Otero County Processing Center

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Otero County Processing Center to Migrant Facility – 11min Drive



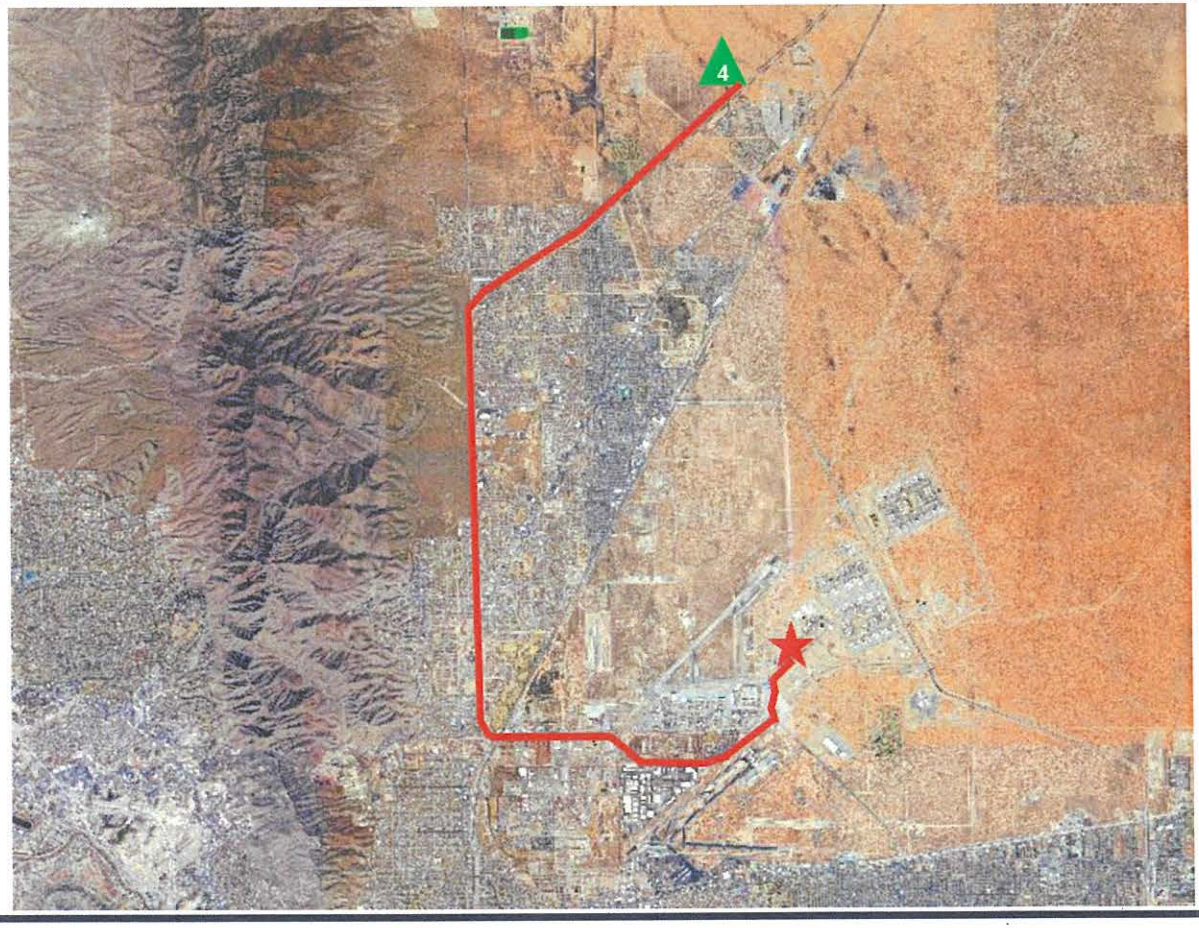
- 1AD HQ
- 1 A/DACG
- 2 Dona Ana
- 3 Otero County Processing Center
- 4 CBP Migrant Facility

POC: MAJ Joshua Mills, G35, 915-744-8050

Date: 21 February 2025

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Migrant Facility to 1AD HQ – 22min Drive



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Date: 21 February 2025

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Executive Summary

This is a joint product that was built and agreed upon by all organizations in attendance. Working group was chaired by the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) site visit leads, (b) (6)

SUBJECT: OSD/DHS FBTX Site Visit Executive Summary

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, 26 February 2025, representatives from DoD and DHS conducted a joint site visit to Fort Bliss, Texas (FBTX) with the intent to provide an assessment of the current capabilities of the DoD to support DHS from FBTX. The visit was conducted from 1000-1700 and consisted of an overview brief, an explanation of FBTX support to DHS removal and transfer flights from Biggs Army Airfield (BAAF), a walkthrough of the Dona Ana Range Complex facilities, and a visit to the area surrounding the Otero County Processing Center.

PURPOSE: This executive summary serves to provide the major talking points and options developed through interagency communication during the site visit.

ATTENDEES: Attendees from various agencies participated in the site visit. Complete list of represented agencies is below.

- National Incident Coordination Center, NICC
- Department of Homeland Security, DHS
  - Custody Management
  - Immigration and Custody Enforcement, ICE
  - Customs and Border Patrol, CBP
  - Enforcement and Removal Operations, ERO
  - Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
  - US Citizenship and Immigration Services
  - ICE Office of Acquisitions Management, OAQ
  - DHS Office of the Chief Readiness Support Officer, OCRSO
- State Department Office of Refugee Resettlement
- Department of Defense, DoD
  - Director, Defense Support of Civil Authorities
  - Joint Staff J-35

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- Headquarters Department of the Army Office of the Provost Marshall General
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- USNORTHCOM J35
- USNORTHCOM J4
- ARNORTH G35
- ARNORTH OSJA
- III Armored Corps
- 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, TX

NOTES:

- A request for forces may be required for DoD to provide support to DHS based on which option is selected.
- Biggest area for DoD to support efficiently is to permit/lease land for DHS use.
- Dona Ana is less favorable due to increased effects on total force readiness and requires extensive improvement to existing hard stand facilities to meet DHS detention standards.
- DHS and DoD agree that concurrent to all options is the increased throughput of removal and transfer flights from BAAF. **Improving removal/transfer capacity removes the pressure of housing and holding IAs at FBTX.**
- **DoD cannot provide food, medical, or support services on non-reimbursable contracts**
- **DoD can provide current facilities "as is".**
- DHS/ICE is requesting 8 acres of permitted land from DoD to begin the establishment of a temporary facility to achieve a 1k-bed capacity. Only a portion of the 8-acres is required to achieve that initial capacity of 1k. The remaining land provides flexibility for capacity up to 10,000.
- FBTX does not have the capacity to erect temporary fencing with on station personnel. FBTX has some capacity to provide grading and site preparation.
- Interagency agreements will be required.
- There are two short-term solutions to assist ICE in achieving their goals.
    - Short Term Option 1: CBP Enhanced Hardened Facility (EHF)
        - Use as an interim solution while building capacity at ICE facility.
        - Has all facilities and capabilities required for up to 45-day hold, should immigration proceedings be necessary.
        - Shorter drive time from holding to removal/transfer transport.

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- Short Term Option 2: Dona Ana
  - Potential use of Dona Ana hard stand facilities for short term hold (72hrs)
  - Allows for bedspace but takes time to harden to detention standards
  - ICE assesses Dona Ana is challenging for long term use. With improvements, may be feasible for a 72-hour holding facility; does not meet detention standards.
  - Requires increased guard to illegal alien ratio due to state of barracks and escort requirements for external latrines.
  - Must be improved/hardened to facilitate holding illegal aliens in a safe and secured environment.
  - Does not solve ICE throughput problem set.
  - Increased drive time to transfer illegal aliens from holding to transport.
  - Contract staffing will be more challenging due to New Mexico state income tax.

- There are three longer term solutions to assist ICE in achieving their goals. Concurrent planning will be conducted regardless of the selection of a short-term solution. Long term options include the lease of land from DoD to DHS.
  - Option 1: Montana Expansion
    - This is the preferred option and meets the ICE criteria for an enduring solution.
    - Expand facilities at Montana facility to allow for increased holding capacity using FBTX land.
    - Gives ICE greater capacity and provides the ability to design facility to detention standards vice adapting to facilities on hand.
    - Expansion of Montana facility avoids duplication of efforts (e.g. build out of Dona Ana followed by long term expansion at Montana)
    - Less transportation time of illegal aliens from holding to aircraft.
    - Can leverage existing capabilities.

  - Option 2: Otero Expansion
    - Lease FBTX land in vicinity of Otero County Processing Facility
    - Closer to a permanent solution, prevents doing the same work twice (e.g. Dona Ana build out followed by expansion).
    - DoD can support this planning through an environmental assessment of the site, potential clearance & grading during training, and assistance in preparing the property for permitting.

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- Contract staffing will be more challenging due to New Mexico state income tax.

- Option 3: Dona Ana Expansion
  - Erect structures to hold illegal aliens, using the existing facilities for admin and support personnel.
  - Increased drive time to transfer illegal aliens from holding to transport.
  - Contract staffing will be more challenging due to New Mexico state income tax.
  - Surrounding area has been previously graded.

DUEOUTS:

FBTX:

- Begin environmental assessments of potential expansion of Montana facility in accordance with ICE proposed expansion plan.
- Begin environmental assessment of FBTX land in vicinity of Otero County Processing Center.
- Explore capacity to support two ICE charter aircraft from BAAF (contracted fuel requirement, challenges with MFGI MOB/DEMOB mission, deploying units etc.) to increase ICE removal capacity.
- Validate DPW contract for feasibility of support to site preparation.

DHS:

- Provide initial maps of expansion boundaries for Dona Ana, Montana Facility and Otero Facility.
- Provide detailed expansion plan of Montana facility.
- Provide detailed expansion plan of Otero Facility (total area defined, templated location of initial facility building, estimate of building expansion on the land).
- Cost and time comparison of Dona Ana hardening, expansion of Montana facility, expansion of Otero Facility.
- Provide assessment of facilities to be used at Dona Ana to include improvement requirements (hardstand facilities, checkpoint establishment, etc.).

OSD:

- Review DoD authorities for support to DHS.

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Executive Summary

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SUBJECT: DHS FBTX Site Visit #2 Day 1 Executive Summary

SUMMARY: On Thursday, 13 March 2025, representatives from DoD, DHS, and DHS vendors conducted a joint site visit to Fort Bliss, Texas (FBTX) with the intent to provide vendors the opportunity to develop an assessment of the current capabilities of the DoD to support DHS from FBTX. The walkthrough was conducted from 0830-1200 and consisted of the Dona Ana Range Complex facilities, the Dona Ana expansion area, and the Site Monitor facility on Montana.

PURPOSE: This executive summary serves to provide the major talking points during the site visit.

ATTENDEES: Attendees from various agencies participated in the site visit. Complete list of represented agencies is below.

- Department of Homeland Security, DHS
  - DHS Office of the Chief Readiness Support Officer, OCRSO
  - Strategic Programs Division/Office of the Chief Procurement Office
  - Enforcement and Removal Operations, ERO
  - ICE/ERO Office of Acquisition Management (OAQ)
- Department of Defense, DoD
  - Homeland Defense Integration & Defense Support of Civil Authorities, OSD-P
  - OSD A&S
  - OSD Comptroller
  - Army Contracting Command
  - ARNORTH G3/G35/OSJA/MICC/PD
  - 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, TX
- DHS Vendors

NOTES:

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- DHS envisions support occurring in two phases
    - Phase 1: a quick turn solution to hold 1,000 IAs balancing cost and time (speed).
        - DHS sees Dona Ana existing facilities as the priority assessment for DHS vendors. With the Site Monitor facility on Montana and Dona Ana expansion sites being second in priority for assessment.
    - Phase 2: Expansion of up to 5,000 IA holding facility at the Dona Ana expansion or Site Monitor facility on Montana.
- DoD site preparation of Site Monitor facility on Montana will only include clearing and leveling and is not included in the vendor contracts. This action will be funded by DoD O&M funds for up 10,000 holding capability.
    - 10 days to clear and level space within the current Site Monitor facility perimeter, an additional 20 days for clear and level space for up to 5,000. Approximately one acre per day.
    - REC will be required under National Emergency provisions for the initiation of clearing and levelling land for all mission requirements up to a 10,000 holding capability.
- Clearing and leveling will begin upon site selection concurrent with request for proposal issue and evaluation.
- DHS will share information with OSD on what vendor assessments say to flatten communications across the department leads.
- Real estate permit dates will match the dates stated in the order from DoD. Longer approved mission dates simplify real estate process.
- Dona Ana sites are DoD withdrawn land for military use only and required DOI coordination.
- Training will continue on the established ranges within the Dona Ana Range Complex and surrounding area.
- Fort Bliss Mobilization and Force Generation Installation operations will be affected by the use of Dona Ana in support of DHS, increasing cost to DoD with the loss of facilities.
    - In the event of a Large Scale Mobilization Operation Fort Bliss, without additional funding, will not be able to meet the additional 10,000 Soldier requirement.
- A memorandum of understanding codifying DoD support to DHS will be developed, outlining roles and responsibilities.
- DHS acquisition strategy is to do a single award IDIQ for the selected site that DHS will award and DoD will have the ability to place task orders from. DoD will coordinate the requirement with ICE to issue and fund the task order.

DUE OUTS:

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- Define which department will execute the contractor vetting process. (DHS OGC and DoD OGC).
- DoD contracting officer representative(s) requires request for forces through ARNORTH (ARNORTH).
- Provide floor plans, aerial maps, and utilities plan to DHS (FBTX).
- Distribute enhance market research request today, 13 March 2025, followed by site plans, aerial maps, and utilities plan on 14 March 2025 (ICE OAQ).
- Enhanced market research will be due back NLT 17 March 2025, and follow on review of results with DoD and DHS will occur Tuesday, 18 March 2025.
- Anticipate request for proposal issuance by close of business Friday, 21 March 2025 (DHS).

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