

The first new immigrant detention center in the Trump administration will be in Conroe.... [more](#)

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It's the first new immigrant detention center in the Trump administration, [according to the Associated Press](#).

“We are very appreciative of the continued confidence placed in our company by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement,” CEO [George Zoley](#) said in the release.

The new facility will be the fourth in the Houston area, joining others in Conroe, Livingston and Houston, [the Houston Chronicle reports](#). The four centers are expected to hold about 3,000 immigrants. ICE holds around 40,000 detainees nationwide, but the numbers are expected to grow.

The new Conroe detention center will share a parking lot and be part of the existing Conroe center, the Joe Corley Detention Facility, per the Chronicle. Montgomery County built that facility in 2008 with public bonds. The county immediately leased the facility to GEO Group, which later bought it for \$65 million, per the Chronicle. No public funds will be used to build the new facility.

GEO Group reported \$2.1 billion in revenue in 2016, up from \$1.8 billion in 2015, [according to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission](#).

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