

Billion Dollar **Collapse:**

The Anatomy and Failure of an ICE Detention
Center Contract

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Introduction & Key Findings

As part of its mass detention and deportation project, the Trump administration is funding the construction and operation of detention centers around the country.

The surge in funding has created opportunities for corruption and profiteering by corporations with insider ties. The administration is awarding large contracts to businesses with little prior experience, as well as to more well-established corporations with dubious records, setting off alarm bells about the quality of construction and the treatment of detainees.

One major detention facility located on the grounds of Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas is known as Camp East Montana.¹ The 5,000-person facility is being built in the same location that housed [Japanese-Americans](#) in internment camps during World War II, and its construction has been condemned by Japanese-American and other groups.²

The administration first awarded a \$1.3 billion contract to construct and operate the detention center to a company with no prior experience constructing or operating a detention facility, [Acquisition Logistics LLC](#).³ The contract has a financial ceiling of \$2.7 billion.⁴ Eight months after the contract was first awarded in July 2025, due to a litany of lethal and other problems, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) replaced Acquisition Logistics with [Amentum Services, Inc.](#) Amentum Services, which has its own troubled history, received a no-bid, sole-sourced contract of an undetermined amount last month.⁵

Public Citizen's investigation shows that DHS is replacing one troubled contractor with another company that has a history of engaging in multiple regulatory violations, particularly health and safety violations, which may endanger the thousands of detainees housed at Camp East Montana. In addition, some of the subcontractors tied to the

¹ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Contract Award Summary for ICE Detention Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Army, USASPENDING.GOV (July 19, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_W9124I25FA075_9700_N0002325D0004_9700

² Kimmy Yam, "Japanese American groups blast use of Fort Bliss, former internment camp site, as ICE detention center," NBC NEWS (August 20, 2025), <https://www.aol.com/japanese-american-groups-blast-fort-194449232.html>

³ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Contract Award Summary for ICE Detention Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Army, USASPENDING.GOV (July 19, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_W9124I25FA075_9700_N0002325D0004_9700

⁴ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Department of the Navy, USASPENDING.GOV (January 1, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_IDV_N0002325D0004_9700

⁵ Amentum Services Inc., Camp East Montana Contract Award Summary, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), SAM.GOV (March 11, 2026), <https://sam.gov/workspace/contract/opp/a8f590826172447b85036a8777b2cdd5/view>

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility at Ft. Bliss have been large donors to Republican political campaigns and have close ties to the Trump family, raising questions about how some of these companies were selected in the first place. Deaths and disease infected Camp East Montana under the management of the previous contractor. It is unclear whether conditions at the facility will improve with the new contractor given its past challenges abiding by regulatory health and safety requirements.

Among Public Citizen's key findings:

- The new DHS contractor, Amentum, has been a defendant in 40 lawsuits in federal court over the past eight years, involving false claims act, antitrust, wage and hour, and human trafficking allegations;⁶
- Over the past two decades, Amentum Holdings, Inc., the parent company of Amentum Services, Inc., and its other affiliated companies have been involved in at least 112 separate [violations of U.S. regulations](#), including workplace safety and health violations, false claims act violations, wage and hour violations, and employment discrimination, nuclear safety, family and medical leave, labor relations, and environmental violations.⁷
- The company's predecessor in running the same El Paso detention center, Acquisition Logistics, was [never registered](#) to operate in Texas, during the term of its contract in violation of Texas state law;⁸
- The U.S. Army, which transferred the Acquisition Logistics contract to DHS in November 2025 was found by a federal judge to have violated federal contracting regulations and the [Competition in Contracting Act \(CICA\)](#),⁹ by not temporarily suspending the contract in July 2025, when a bid protest was filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) by [Gemini Tech Service LLC](#);¹⁰
- Acquisition Logistics has been a respondent in seven lawsuits brought by detainees at the facility between September 2025 and February 2026;¹¹

⁶ Amentum Services Inc. search, Public Access To Court Electronic Records (PACER), <https://pcl.uscourts.gov/>

⁷ Amentum Government Services Holdings LLC (now renamed Amentum Holdings Inc.), VIOLATION TRACKER, https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/?company_op=starts&company=amentum

⁸ TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE, <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml>

⁹ "Competition in Contracting Act of 1984," CONGRESS.GOV, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/98th-congress/house-bill/5184>

¹⁰ Opinion and Order, Gemini Tech Services, LLC vs. The United States and Acquisition Logistics LLC, UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS No. 25-1337C (issued under seal September 8, 2025 and reissued for publication on September 18, 2025), <https://www.casemine.com/judgement/us/68ce63548edb569a8a375455>

¹¹ Acquisition Logistics LLC search, Public Access To Court Electronic Records (PACER), <https://pcl.uscourts.gov/>

- One Acquisition Logistics subcontract worker, named [Hector Gonzalez](#), died on site at Camp East Montana in an industrial truck related accident on July 21, 2025, two days after the Acquisition Logistics contract commenced;¹²
- At least [three detainees also died](#) at the Camp East Montana facility between December 2025 and January 2026;¹³
- One of those deaths was reportedly ruled a [homicide](#) by the El Paso County Medical Examiner's office, and witnesses reported the individual had a physical confrontation with guards just prior to his death;¹⁴
- From 2021 to 2024, an Acquisition Logistics subcontractor at Camp East Montana, [Disaster Management Group \(DMG\)](#), was fined a total of \$17.7 million, in six separate cases by the Department of Labor for wage and hour violations;¹⁵
- The worker who died at the facility in July 2025 was reported to have worked for DMG.¹⁶ However, that worker may have actually worked for another company named Base International, Inc.¹⁷ Both companies are owned by Nathan ("Nate") Albers a close associate of the Trump family.¹⁸ In early March 2026, Albers's wife, Kimberly Albers, co-chaired a [pet fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago](#) along with Lara Trump;¹⁹
- In 2019, a separate Albers company, [TentLogix](#) was charged by the Department of Justice (DOJ) "with conspiring to conceal and harbor" 92 aliens for the purpose of commercial advantage by recruiting and employing individuals they

¹² Kristian Jaime, "Subcontractor employee death sparks OSHA investigation in Fort Bliss ICE facility," EL PASO TIMES (August 22, 2025), <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/immigration/2025/08/22/osha-army-probe-fatal-incident-at-fort-bliss-immigration-facility/85782326007/>

¹³ Jesús Jank Curbelo, "The black hole of Camp East Montana: Three deaths in 44 days at the largest migrant detention center in the US," EL PAIS (January 21, 2026), <https://english.elpais.com/usa/2026-01-21/the-black-hole-of-camp-east-montana-three-deaths-in-44-days-at-the-largest-migrant-detention-center-in-the-us.html>

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Disaster Management Group LLC, VIOLATION TRACKER, https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/?company_op=starts&company=disaster+management

¹⁶ Joseph Konig, "Immigration detention camp billed as the largest in U.S. history officially opens at Texas Fort Bliss," SPECTRUM NEWS (August 19, 2025), <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/us/snplus/news/2025/08/19/fort-bliss-lone-star-lockup-texas-immigration-detention-military>

¹⁷ Base International Inc., FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/SearchResultDetail?inquirytype=EntityName&directionType=Initial&searchNameOrder=BASEINTERNATIONAL%20F240000031220&aggregateId=forp-f24000003122-09b7373a-461b-44d8-9461-8bf5cf30c282&searchTerm=base%20international&listNameOrder=BASEINTERNATIONAL%20F240000031220>

¹⁸ Avi Asher-Schapiro and Jeff Ernsthansen, "His Former Company Got Caught Employing Undocumented Workers. Now He's Profiting Off an Immigrant Detention Camp," PROPUBLICA (July 25, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/nathan-albers-fort-bliss-immigration>

¹⁹ "Big Dog Ranch Rescue Raises Record Breaking \$5.5 Million At Fundraiser," TOWN-CRIER (March 20, 2026), <https://gotowncrier.com/2026/03/big-dog-ranch-rescue-raises-record-breaking-5-5-million-at-fundraiser/>

knew had entered the country illegally.²⁰ Albers was not charged in the case, and has since left the company, but several of his TentLogix business partners served time in prison as a result of these unlawful actions and the company was placed on four years' probation as part of a corporate compliance agreement with the Department of Justice.²¹

CAMP EAST MONTANA - CONTRACT

On June 9, 2025, the U.S. Army issued a [solicitation notice](#) for a contractor to build and operate a large immigration detention center in the Chihuahuan Desert at Fort Bliss in Texas.²² The Army received 11 offers on the contract, and on July 18, 2025, the Army issued a firm-fixed-price [contract award to Acquisition Logistics LLC](#) to construct a 5,000-bed ICE detention facility at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas, called Camp East Montana.²³ The contract has been widely reported as a \$1.3 billion contract. However, that appears to be for a single task order of the contract.²⁴ USAspending.gov shows that the full indefinite delivery / indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract has an actual [ceiling price of \\$2.7 billion](#).²⁵

The contract award raised immediate concerns. Acquisition Logistics, LLC, established in Virginia in 2008,²⁶ for instance, does not appear to have a main office and is registered to a home in Richmond, Virginia that is owned by Kenneth Alan Wagner, a retired Navy Commander, and the founder and owner of the company, according to Virginia Secretary

²⁰ "Treasure Coast Corporation and Corporate Officers Charged with Conspiring to Conceal and Harbor Aliens for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage," U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (July 12, 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/treasure-coast-corporation-and-corporate-officers-charged-conspiring-conceal-and-harbor>

²¹ "Treasure Coast Corporation and Corporate Officers Sentenced Federally for Conspiring to Conceal and Harbor Aliens for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage or Private Financial Gain," U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (December 20, 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/treasure-coast-corporation-and-corporate-officers-sentenced-federally-conspiring>

²² Peter Johansson, "How a \$1.2 Billion Army Award to a Small Contractor Created a Fort Bliss Detention Controversy," DEFENSE-AEROSPACE (September 21, 2025), <https://www.defense-aerospace.com/how-a-1-2-billion-army-award-to-a-small-contractor-created-a-fort-bliss-detention-controversy/>

²³ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Contract Award Summary for ICE Detention Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Army, USASPENDING.GOV (July 19, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_W9124J25FA075_9700_N0002325D0004_9700

²⁴ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Contract Award Summary for ICE Detention Center, Transfer to DHS/ICE, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Army, USASPENDING.GOV (November 14, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_70CDCR26FR0000001_7012_N0002325D0004_9700

²⁵ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Department of the Navy, USASPENDING.GOV (January 1, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_IDV_N0002325D0004_9700

²⁶ Acquisition Logistics LLC, VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION, <https://cis.scc.virginia.gov/EntitySearch/BusinessInformation?businessId=518220&source=FromEntityResult&isSeries%20=%20false>.

of State records.²⁷ In addition, the company only has between 8 and 50 employees, according to [ZoomInfo](#)²⁸ and [RocketReach](#),²⁹ making their successful management of a billion-dollar contract appear cumbersome at best given their size.

Acquisition Logistics LLC has a very limited public footprint. One available brochure says they focus on five key areas, program management, logistics and supply chain, acquisition support, engineering support, and technology integration.³⁰ They have had around 30 previous federal contracts with various agencies, including the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Defense Logistics Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, and Department of the Interior. Their cumulative total federal contracts since 2008, excluding the recent billion-dollar contract, have been around \$48 million, and the largest single contract was valued at \$16 million.³¹

CONTRACT AWARD

The U.S. Army's contract to Acquisition Logistics was "to construct, operate, and maintain a new 5,000-capacity short-term detention facility at Fort Bliss, Texas ... for single adults awaiting immigration proceedings or removal from the United States."³² This facility was named Camp East Montana, after the name of the road where it is situated, and the site began receiving detainees in August 2025. In [November 2025](#), the contract was transferred from the Department of Defense to the Department of Homeland Security.³³

²⁷ Ibid. Kenneth Alan Wagner was born on January 14, 1948, in Fort Lewis, Washington. He comes from a military family. His father, [Dale Gordon Wagner](#), was a Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. His father died in 2016 at the age of 96 years old. Wagner's mother, [Emma Josefa Rodriguez Wagner](#) was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico in 1916 and died at the age of 86 in 2002 in Florida. Wagner's parents appear to have met in Puerto Rico when Dale Wagner was stationed there during World War II, and they were married in November 1945 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, according to Ancestry.com records.

²⁸ Acquisition Logistics, ZOOMINFO, <https://www.zoominfo.com/c/the-acquisition-logistics-co/355452231>

²⁹ Acquisition Logistics, LLC, ROCKETREACH, https://rocketreach.co/acquisition-logistics-llc-management_b40c4f37ffc1eb8e

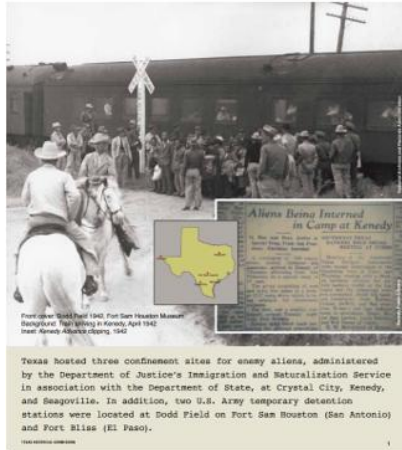
³⁰ Acquisition Logistics Support Group, LLC, Automatically Canceled, Registration Fee, STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, <https://cis.scc.virginia.gov/EntitySearch/BusinessFilings>

³¹ Michael Biesecker and Joshua Goodman, "Mystery surrounds \$1.2 billion Army contract for huge detention camp in Texas desert," ASSOCIATED PRESS (August 28, 2025), <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/national-international/mystery-army-contract-detention-camp-texas-desert/3911185/>

³² Opinion and Order, Gemini Tech Services, LLC v. The United States and Acquisition Logistics LLC, UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS, (filed under seal on September 8, 2025, reissued for publication on September 18, 2025), <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/federal-claims/cofce/1:2025cv01337/52683>

³³ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Contract Award Summary for ICE Detention Center, Transfer to DHS/ICE, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Army, USASPENDING.GOV (November 14, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_70CDCR26FR0000001_7012_N0002325D0004_9700

During World War II Fort Bliss held Japanese-Americans and Italian and German prisoners of war.³⁴ Photos of the facility during World War II³⁵ in the 1940s and today are included below.³⁶



Camp East Montana, an ICE immigration detention center in Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, is seen on Oct. 1, 2025. The facility was set to hold up to 5,000 adults scheduled for deportation.

Brian Kanof / Special To El Paso Times

CONTRACT BID PROTEST

On July 28, 2025, ten days after the U.S. Army awarded the ICE detention contract to Acquisition Logistics, LLC, [Gemini Tech Service LLC](#), based in Willow Park, Texas, filed a bid protest with the Government Accountability Office (GAO).³⁷ The [Competition in Contracting Act \(CICA\)](#), calls for a temporary “stay of contract performance” once a bid protest is lodged with the GAO. In this case, however, the U.S. Army determined that it would override the stay and on July 28, 2025, directed Acquisition Logistics to continue with the task order under the contract in violation of what is known as a “CICA stay.”³⁸ The U.S. Army also failed to notify GAO of its action until three days later, on July 31, 2025. On August 1, 2025, the Army issued a 10-page determination and findings (“D&F”) report regarding the contract and filed that with the GAO on August 4, 2025.³⁹

³⁴ Enemy Alien Internment in Texas during World War II, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (August 2020), https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/publications/Alien_Enemy_Brochure_08_20.pdf

³⁵ Ibid.

³⁶ Omar Ornelas, “Photos of Camp East Montana, controversial ICE facility in El Paso,” EL PASO TIMES, (October 13, 2025) <https://www.elpasotimes.com/picture-gallery/news/immigration/2025/10/13/camp-east-montana-photo-gallery-of-ice-immigration-detention-facility-fort-bliss-el-paso-texas/86616916007/>

³⁷ Gemini Tech Services, LLC (W911SE-2372), Bid Protest, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO) (July 28, 2025), <https://www.gao.gov/docket/b-423775.1#:~:text=Posted%20on%20Sep%2009%2C%202025,Culliton>

³⁸ Opinion and Order, Gemini Tech Services, LLC v. The United States and Acquisition Logistics LLC, UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS, (filed under seal on September 8, 2025, reissued for publication on September 18, 2025), <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/federal-claims/cofce/1:2025cv01337/52683>

³⁹ Ibid.

On August 11, 2025, due to the Army's actions, [Gemini filed a lawsuit](#) regarding the contract award with the United States Court of Federal Claims.⁴⁰ Gemini made three key allegations in their lawsuit: 1) that Acquisition Logistics failed to comply with two material solicitation requirements, proposing a final site design and failing to propose critical utilities; 2) the Army failed to evaluate the quality of offerors' past performance; and 3) the Army's "responsibility determination" was unreasonable.⁴¹

According to the court's 18-page "Opinion and Order," filed under seal on September 8, 2025, and publicly released on September 18, 2025:

"Although the Army corrected its error, the Court notes that by proceeding with the contract performance without first notifying GAO and executing a written determination, the Army violated the statute by failing to comply with the CICA stay which was in place."⁴²

The Army laid out its justification for violating the CICA in its D&F report. The Army argued that it had determined that there were "urgent and compelling circumstances which significantly affect interests of the United States [that] will not permit waiting for the decision of the GAO's decision in the protest."⁴³ The Army also noted that the contract aligned with priorities in President Trump's [Executive Order 14159](#), which directs for the efficient and expedited removal of aliens from the United States.⁴⁴

In its D&F, the Army wrote:

"[A] continued stay will directly exacerbate the existing detention capacity crisis, hindering ICE's ability to effectively manage the influx of detainee apprehensions. This will result in increased operational risks, potential legal challenges related to overcrowding, and a heightened strain on resources. The delay will also disrupt planned operational deployments and enforcement activities reliant on adequate detention capacity, directly impacting ICE's core mission as outlined in the SOO [Statement of Objectives]. The current overcapacity situation is

⁴⁰ Ibid.

⁴¹ Ibid.

⁴² Ibid.

⁴³ Ibid.

⁴⁴ Presidential Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion, THE WHITE HOUSE (January 20, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-the-american-people-against-invasion/>

unsustainable and demands immediate action to ensure humane treatment, appropriate care, and legal compliance.”⁴⁵

The U.S. Army’s D&F also argued:

“The Department of Homeland Security (OHS) reports 1.5 million active final removal orders, yet only 41,500 federally funded bed spaces are currently available, necessitating reliance on state- funded facilities to address the shortfall. Current detention facilities are critically overcrowded, housing 57,600 individuals. This overcrowding creates unsafe conditions for both U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and those in custody, increasing the risk of altercations, health crises, and potential security breaches. Failure to address this capacity gap poses significant operational, security, and humanitarian risks, demanding immediate attention and resolution. **Therefore, the benefits of overriding the stay and proceeding with performance greatly outweigh the potential costs of not doing so.**”⁴⁶ [Emphasis added].

In addition, the Army claimed, based on projections from Acquisition Logistics LLC, that temporarily halting the contract and construction work would add more than \$500 million in additional costs.⁴⁷ It seems clear that the Army was arguing that these economic costs and their security concerns with temporarily suspending the Acquisition Logistics contract outweighed the requirements of abiding by the law and the Competition in Contracting Act, which required them to temporarily halt the contract once Gemini filed its bid protest with GAO.

The Army’s D&F argued, “Given the substantial progress already achieved by the current awardee and the nature of the work completed to date, transitioning performance to a new vendor would present significant logistical and operational challenges. Replicating the established infrastructure, personnel, and ongoing operational tempo would introduce unacceptable risk to mission continuity and potentially result in substantial delays and increased costs.”⁴⁸

⁴⁵ Opinion and Order, Gemini Tech Services, LLC v. The United States and Acquisition Logistics LLC, UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS, (filed under seal on September 8, 2025, reissued for publication on September 18, 2025), <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/federal-claims/cofce/1:2025cv01337/52683>

⁴⁶ Ibid.

⁴⁷ Ibid.

⁴⁸ Ibid.

In the end, the court said it “was disappointed with the Army’s actions in this procurement,” but because it found there was a “reasonable basis for the Army’s decision” the court denied the plaintiff’s motion for a preliminary injunction and dismissed the complaint.⁴⁹

The contract was transferred from the Department of Defense to the Department of Homeland Security in November 2025.⁵⁰ Ironically, DHS terminated the contract with Acquisition Logistics in mid-March 2026 due to a litany of problems and replaced it with a [new contractor](#), Amentum, who had been a subcontractor under Acquisition Logistics on the project.⁵¹

The DHS contract Acquisition Logistics received was the first time they had obtained a DHS contract, and it was more than 81 times larger than any other contract they had ever managed. The largest previous contract they had won was widely reported to have been a \$16 million federal contract.⁵² The \$1.3 billion DHS contract was more than 8,000% larger than their \$16 million contract and it was 27 times larger than all other contracts the company had ever won combined.

TEXAS BUSINESS REGISTRATION

Although Acquisition Logistics LLC began operating in Texas in July 2025 to initiate the construction of Camp East Montana, the company failed to register with the Texas Secretary of State’s office in violation of Texas law. The company only attempted to register with the Texas Secretary of State’s office on March 19, 2026, after DHS had terminated their contract. However, according to an official with the Texas Secretary of State’s office the company’s registration was rejected on March 21, 2026, because they had improperly filed out the necessary registration form.⁵³

Acquisition Logistics operated illegally in Texas for eight months. The Texas Secretary of State’s office says that failure to register for out-of-state entities may result in penalties, including:

⁴⁹ Ibid.

⁵⁰ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Contract Award Summary for ICE Detention Center, Transfer to DHS/ICE, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Army, USASPENDING.GOV (November 14, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_70CDCR26FR0000001_7012_N0002325D0004_9700

⁵¹ Natalie Venegas, “Amentum Services named new contractor for Camp East Montana detention center.” KFOX14 News (March 16, 2026), <https://kfoxtv.com/news/local/amentum-services-named-new-contractor-for-el-pasos-camp-east-montana-detention-center>

⁵² “Mystery surrounds \$1.2 billion Army contract to build huge detention tent camp in Texas desert,” PBS NEWS (August 28, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/mystery-surrounds-1-2-billion-army-contract-to-build-huge-detention-tent-camp-in-texas-desert>

⁵³ Public Citizen conversation with Texas Secretary of State official on March 27, 2026.

- Inability to maintain an action, suit, or proceeding in a Texas court until registration;
- Injunction from transacting business in Texas;
- Civil penalty equal to all fees and taxes that would have been imposed if the entity had registered when first required; and
- Late filing fees owed to the secretary of state by an entity registering more than 90 days after first transacting business in Texas.⁵⁴

ACQUISITION LOGISTICS – SECRECY

Secrecy has plagued both Acquisition Logistics LLC and its DHS contract. There has been no public release of any of Acquisition Logistics subcontractors, for instance, and the company’s own website (<https://acq-log.com/>) is hidden behind a virtual digital wall, where a password and logon is needed to access the site.

The Acquisition
Logistics Company 



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DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP (DMG) LLC

The company’s subcontracts have also been cloaked in secrecy. However, in July 2025, [ProPublica](#) reported that Disaster Management Group (DMG), LLC, owned by Nathan Albers, was one of Acquisition Logistics LLC’s subcontractors.⁵⁵ In January 2024, DMG signed a compliance agreement with the Department of Labor regarding worker wage violations at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. The Department of Labor’s press release said:

⁵⁴ “Foreign or Out-of-State Entities,” TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE, accessed March 20, 2026, https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/foreign_outofstate.shtml

⁵⁵ Avi Asher-Schapiro and Jeff Ernsthause, “His Former Company Got Caught Employing Undocumented Workers. Now He’s Profiting Off an Immigrant Detention Camp,” PROPUBLICA (July 25, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/nathan-albers-fort-bliss-immigration>

“A widespread investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor has recovered nearly \$16 million in back wages and restored over 24,700 paid sick leave hours to leave banks for more than 2,800 workers denied their full wages and benefits by 62 subcontractors hired to construct temporary housing and provide services to Afghan refugees at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey.

After 75 investigations that included Jupiter, Florida-based Disaster Management Group LLC, one of the project’s general contractors, and 61 subcontractors, the department’s Wage and Hour Division found DMG and its subcontractors violated [multiple] federal law[s].”⁵⁶

In total, [DMG was fined six times](#) by the Department of Labor for wage and hour violations between 2021 and 2024, amounting to an additional \$1.7 million in penalties.⁵⁷

In 2006, [Albers and Gary Hendry established Disaster Management Group, LLC](#) together in Florida.⁵⁸ According to Florida Secretary of State records they remained co-owners and partners at DMG through 2019. Hendry appears to have left the company in 2020.

At the same time Hendry was running DMG with Albers, however, he was also running another industrial tent company called [Premier Party Rentals, Inc.](#) as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that he established in 1996 in Florida. In 2007, the year after Albers and Hendry established DMG, Albers also joined Premier Party Rentals, Inc.⁵⁹ On July 30, 2010, they changed the name to [TentLogix, Inc.](#)⁶⁰

⁵⁶ “Nearly \$16M in wages, benefits recovered for more than 2,800 workers denied full pay by 62 subcontractors on federal project at New Jersey military base,” DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Wage and Hour Division (January 29, 2024), <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/whd/whd20240129>

⁵⁷ Disaster Management Group LLC, VIOLATION TRACKER, https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/?company_op=starts&company=disaster+management

⁵⁸ Articles of Organization for Disaster Management Group, LLC, FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS (February 6, 2006) <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2006%5C0213%5C90473969.Tif&documentNumber=L06000013077>

⁵⁹ Premier Party Rentals, Inc. 2007 For Profit Corporation Annual Report, FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS (January 9, 2007), <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2007%5C0109%5C20797192.tif&documentNumber=P96000032997>

⁶⁰ Articles of Amendment, Name Change from Premier Party Rentals, Inc. to TentLogix, Inc. FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS (July 30, 2010), <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2010%5C0805%5C00173278.Tif&documentNumber=P96000032997>

In July 2019, Hendry and two other TentLogix executives were charged “with conspiring to conceal and harbor aliens for the purpose of commercial advantage by recruiting and employing individuals they knew had entered the country illegally.”⁶¹ Hendry was also charged with making false statements. In December 2019, [Hendry was sentenced](#) to one year and one day in prison and ordered to forfeit \$282,789 to the U.S. government and pay a \$75,000 fine.⁶² TentLogix was sentenced to [four years’ probation](#) and signed a corporate compliance agreement for employing 92 aliens that had entered the country illegally.⁶³ The company declared bankruptcy in November 2020 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Florida.⁶⁴ For his part, Albers was never charged with any crime and appears to have severed ties with TentLogix in 2019.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

The contract for Camp East Montana was troubled from the very start. Saturday, July 19, 2025, was the start date of the U.S. Army issued contract.⁶⁵ On Monday, July 21, 2025, just two days after the contract was underway there was a fatal accident at the Camp East Montana site involving [Acquisition Logistics LLC](#),⁶⁶ [JMJ Production Services](#),⁶⁷ [Fulfillment](#)

⁶¹ “Treasure Coast Corporation and Corporate Officers Charged with Conspiring to Conceal and Harbor Aliens for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage,” U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of Florida, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (July 12, 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/treasure-coast-corporation-and-corporate-officers-charged-conspiring-conceal-and-harbor>

⁶² “Treasure Coast Corporation and Corporate Officers Sentenced Federally for Conspiring to Conceal and Harbor Aliens for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage or Private Financial Gain,” U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of Florida, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (December 20, 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/treasure-coast-corporation-and-corporate-officers-sentenced-federally-conspiring>

⁶³ “Treasure Coast Corporation and Corporate Officers Sentenced Federally for Conspiring to Conceal and Harbor Aliens for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage or Private Financial Gain,” U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of Florida, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (December 20, 2019), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/treasure-coast-corporation-and-corporate-officers-sentenced-federally-conspiring>

⁶⁴ Christopher Bokum, “TentLogix Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Following 2019 Indictment,” LEVELSET.COM (July 30, 2021), <https://www.levelset.com/news/tentlogix-chapter-11-bankruptcy/>

⁶⁵ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Contract Award Summary for ICE Detention Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Army, USASPENDING.GOV (July 19, 2025), https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_W9124J25FA075_9700_N0002325D0004_9700

⁶⁶ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Inspection: 1859269.015, Accident: 2323120, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025), https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1859269.015

⁶⁷ JMJ Production Services, LLC, Inspection: 11840556.015, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025), https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1840556.015

[Personnel Services](#),⁶⁸ and [Base International Inc.](#),⁶⁹ a company established by Nathan Albers in Delaware in December 2023, that is also [registered to operate in Florida](#).⁷⁰ The media has reported that the individual who died was a 38-year-old man named [Hector Gonzalez](#), who was reportedly working for Albers' other company, Disaster Management Group (DMG).⁷¹ However, a search of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) records does not identify any record for DMG, but it does identify Base International Inc. as being involved in the July 21st accident.⁷² An obituary posting on [Legacy.com](#) has a video montage celebrating a Hector Horacio Gonzalez, who was 38 years old and died on July 21, 2025, which matches the age of the Hector Gonzalez that died at Camp East Montana.⁷³ The video montage suggests that he had three daughters. However, there is no information about how he died or where he worked. As of April 6, 2026, the obituary says it is being updated.

The specifics of the accident are still unclear. However, Base International, MJM Production Services, and Fulfillment Personnel Services were all cited by OSHA for not meeting industrial truck design, inspection, testing, maintenance, and operation standards. MJM Production Services⁷⁴ and Fulfillment Personnel Services⁷⁵ were also cited for not certifying that each operator had been properly trained and evaluated. Both companies were cited for two separate "serious" OSHA violations, agreed to an informal settlement

⁶⁸ Fulfillment Personnel Services, LLC, Inspection: 1840555.015, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025),

https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1840555.015

⁶⁹ Base International Inc., Inspection: 1838708.015, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025),

https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1838708.015

⁷⁰ Base International Inc., FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS,

<https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/SearchResultDetail?inquirytype=EntityName&directionType=Initial&searchNameOrder=BASEINTERNATIONAL%20F240000031220&aggregateId=forp-f24000003122-09b7373a-461b-44d8-9461-8bf5cf30c282&searchTerm=base%20international&listNameOrder=BASEINTERNATIONAL%20F240000031220>

⁷¹ Joseph Konig, "Immigration detention camp billed as the largest in U.S. history officially opens at Texas' Fort Bliss," SPECTRUM NEWS (August 19, 2025),

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/us/snplus/news/2025/08/19/fort-bliss-lone-star-lockup-texas-immigration-detention-military>

⁷² Base International Inc., Inspection: 1838708.015, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025),

https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1838708.015

⁷³ Hector Horacio Gonzalez (March 27, 1987-July 21, 2025), Obituary, LEGACY.COM,

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/hector-gonzalez-memorial?id=58984806>

⁷⁴ MJM Production Services, LLC, Inspection: 11840556.015,

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025),

https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1840556.015

⁷⁵ Fulfillment Personnel Services, LLC, Inspection: 1840555.015, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025),

https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1840555.015

on February 18, 2026, and each company paid a reduced penalty of \$15,000. Base International, Inc. was cited for violating the truck standards issue mentioned above, described by OSHA as a “serious” violation, but the company contested its \$11,585 fine on February 13, 2026. The final OSHA fine regarding Base International appears to remain unresolved. The OSHA records do not show that Acquisition Logistics was cited for any specific violation or fined, but they do link Acquisition Logistics to the July 21, 2025, accident and OSHA records show that OSHA closed the case regarding Acquisition Logistics on January 21, 2026.⁷⁶

DEATH OF DETAINEES

Besides the death of a worker at the site, multiple reports have shown that the health and safety of those detained at the Camp East Montana facility are in jeopardy. In September 2025, the *Washington Post* reported that an internal ICE report found the facility had 60 violations of ICE detention standards in just 50 days.⁷⁷ In early March 2026, the *Associated Press* reported that they had reviewed 130 emergency 911 calls from Camp East Montana between mid-August 2025 through January 20, 2026, that revealed at least six attempted suicide attempts, at least 20 seizures, some reportedly due to head trauma, and other medical traumas and mental health related emergencies.⁷⁸

In addition, over a seven-week span from December 3, 2025, to January 15, 2026, three detainees died at the facility. [Francisco Gaspar Andrés](#), age 48, from Guatemala died on December 3, 2025, after being hospitalized for two weeks at a local El Paso hospital. The initial cause of death was reported as “natural liver and kidney failure.”⁷⁹ Exactly one month later on January 3, 2026, [Geraldo Lunas Campos](#), 55, from Cuba, died after a confrontation with Camp East Montana guards.⁸⁰ The El Paso County Medical Examiner’s office reportedly declared the death to be a homicide caused by asphyxia due to neck and torso injuries while being physically restrained, although ICE officials initially claimed he

⁷⁶ Acquisition Logistics LLC, Inspection: 1859269.015, Accident: 2323120, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (July 21, 2025),

https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1859269.015

⁷⁷ “60 violations in 50 days: Inside ICE’s giant tent facility at Ft. Bliss,” THE WASHINGTON POST (September 16, 2025), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/09/16/ice-detention-center-immigration-violations/>

⁷⁸ Morgan Lee, Ryan J. Foley and Michael Biesecker, “‘Worse than a prison’: 911 calls, interviews reveal problems at ICE’s largest detention camp,” ASSOCIATED PRESS (March 6, 2026), <https://apnews.com/article/ice-detention-camp-conditions-911-calls-738c63a2b96a90c2f85a668ec2fd3b5b>

⁷⁹ Jesús Jank Curbelo, “The black hole of Camp East Montana: Three deaths in 44 days at the largest migrant detention center in the US,” EL PAIS (January 21, 2026), <https://english.elpais.com/usa/2026-01-21/the-black-hole-of-camp-east-montana-three-deaths-in-44-days-at-the-largest-migrant-detention-center-in-the-us.html>

⁸⁰ Colleen DeGuzman, “Immigrant’s death in ICE custody ruled homicide by El Paso medical examiner,” THE TEXAS TRIBUNE (January 21, 2026), <https://www.texastribune.org/2026/01/21/texas-el-paso-immigrant-death-ice-custody-homicide/>

died after an attempted suicide.⁸¹ Two weeks later, on January 15, 2026, a 36-year-old Nicaraguan man, [Victor Manuel Díaz](#), died from an apparent suicide.⁸² He was found unconscious in his room by security staff and pronounced dead at the time he was discovered.

AMENTUM – BACKGROUND & CONTRACT JUSTIFICATION

Whether or not the new contractor, [Amentum](#), that has been hired for just 180 days (six months) to take over the Acquisition Logistics contract will perform much better is unknown. Amentum is a much larger company. It has more than 50,000 employees in more than 70 countries and generated more than \$14 billion in revenue in 2025 alone.⁸³

[Amentum was formed in 2020](#) as a spinoff of AECOM’s Management Services Group. In March 2024 they merged with Jacobs’ Critical Mission Solutions and Cyber and Intelligence business, and in September 2024 Amentum Government Services Holding became Amentum Holdings, Inc. merging Amentum Services, Inc. with Jacobs Solutions.⁸⁴

On March 11, 2026, DHS issued a “[notice of intent to award a sole source-contract](#)” to Amentum Services, Inc. for “detention and facility management services at Camp East Montana.”⁸⁵ The new contract says, “Amentum Services Inc. will provide comprehensive detention and facility management services at Camp East Montana, including secure housing, medical care, transportation, and compliance with ICE National Detention Standards 2025.”⁸⁶

The Trump administration argued that the sole source award was “necessary to maintain uninterrupted detention operations following the termination of the incumbent contract, ensuring ICE’s statutory mandate for the custody and removal of individuals subject to immigration proceedings,” and the administration claimed “no other vendor possesses

⁸¹ Ibid.

⁸² Laura Strickler and Daniel Arkin, “Third immigrant detainee at facility in El Paso has died, ICE says,” NBC NEWS (January 19, 2026), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/third-immigrant-detainee-facility-el-paso-died-ice-says-rcna254783>

⁸³ Amentum: About Us, AMENTUM.COM, <https://www.amentum.com/>

⁸⁴ “Amentum Completes Transformational Combination with Jacobs’ Critical Mission Solutions and Cyber and Intelligence Units,” Press Release, AMENTUM.COM, (September 27, 2024), <https://www.amentum.com/news/amentum-completes-transformational-combination-with-jacobs-critical-mission-solutions-and-cyber-and-intelligence-units/>

⁸⁵ Amentum Services Inc., Camp East Montana Contract Award Summary, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), SAM.GOV (March 11, 2026), <https://sam.gov/workspace/contract/opp/a8f590826172447b85036a8777b2cdd5/view>

⁸⁶ Ibid.

the necessary rights or operational control to provide uninterrupted services at this location.”⁸⁷

AMENTUM – HEALTH, SAFETY & REGULATORY VIOLATIONS

The company, however, and its affiliated businesses have a sordid history of complying with federal regulations governing a host of issues, including violating basic worker health and safety conditions and appropriate labor practices. Time will tell if they can meet the challenge of performing responsibly on this project. However, a review of past regulatory violations by Amentum and its affiliated companies presents a bleak picture of vast improvements at Camp East Montana.

In total, Amentum and its affiliated and acquired companies have [accumulated 112 regulatory violations](#) and paid more than \$94 million in penalties since the year 2000, according to Violation Tracker.⁸⁸ This includes \$56 million in nine instances of government contracting offenses, \$32 million in 57 instances of employment-related offenses, \$3.8 million in 42 safety related violations, including eight nuclear safety violations, and \$2.4 million in five separate employment discrimination cases.⁸⁹

Since the year 2000, Amentum Services Inc., and subsidiaries of its parent company, Amentum Holdings, Inc., have been cited and fined more than \$500,000 for worker health and safety violations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), that includes more than \$125,000 over the past six years alone. Since 2020, Amentum and its subsidiaries have been cited for one dozen health and safety violations in nine separate incidents, including one fatality, according to OSHA records.⁹⁰ One 2023 incident involved the potential exposure of workers at the Central Intelligence Agency’s (CIA’s) headquarters in Virginia to toxic diphenylmethane diisocyanate vapors.⁹¹ Another incident in 2024, involved a fatality at Fort Belvoir, in Virginia.⁹²

These sorts of health and safety related incidents are particularly relevant to Amentum’s new contract to oversee the 5,000-bed immigration detention center at Camp East

⁸⁷ Ibid.

⁸⁸ Amentum Government Services Holdings LLC, Violation Tracker, <https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/parent/amentum-government-services-holdings-llc>

⁸⁹ Ibid.

⁹⁰ Ibid.

⁹¹ Amentum, Inspection: 1654142.015, Incident Occurrence, February 16, 2023, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (March 1, 2023), https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1654142.015

⁹² Amentum Services, Inc., Inspection: 1767588.015, Incident Occurrence, August 6, 2024, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) (August 8, 2024), https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1767588.015

Montana that has already had at least one worker fatality and three detainee fatalities at the site in the first six months of its operation.

Legacy of Discriminatory Practices by Amentum Affiliated Companies

In 2019, the year before it became affiliated with Amentum, Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS), the Department of Energy's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs conducted an investigation and found that [WRPS had discriminated against 151 Hispanic applicants](#) who sought positions as health physics technician trainees with the company. The company did not admit liability, but in December 2022, agreed to pay \$157,000 in back wages to the 151 Hispanic applicants in a settlement with the Department of Labor.⁹³

In January 2020, AECOM Management Services, Inc. was rebranded Amentum. In September 2021, the company paid a \$205,000 penalty for employment discrimination against 67 affected black applicants for "Aircraft Worker" positions in Virginia Beach, Virginia regarding their hiring process as part of a conciliation agreement with the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.⁹⁴ On March 14, 2023, the company made its last distribution of funds to eligible applicants in this case.

Separately, in August 2020, AECOM Management Services, Inc. paid a \$350,000 penalty as part of a conciliation agreement with the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs regarding its [discriminatory hiring practices against 582 African-American and female applicants](#) for Motor Equipment Metal Mechanic positions at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas, between March 2013 and March 2015.⁹⁵

⁹³ "US Department of Labor reaches agreement with environmental cleanup provider to resolve alleged hiring discrimination at Richland's Hanford Site," Press Release, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (December 8, 2022), <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/ofccp/ofccp20221208>

⁹⁴ See: AECOM Management Services, Inc. (Parent Company: Amentum Government Services Holdings LLC), VIOLATION TRACKER (September 30, 2021), <https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/violation-tracker/va-aecom-management-services-inc> and Conciliation Agreement Between the Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and AECOM Management Services, Inc., DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (Undated), https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OFCCP/foia/files/2021-09-30AECOM301560MACA_Redacted.pdf

⁹⁵ See: AECOM Management Services, Inc. (Parent Company: Amentum Government Services Holdings LLC), VIOLATION TRACKER (August 10, 2020), <https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/violation-tracker/tx-aecom-management-services-inc> and Conciliation Agreement Between the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and AECOM Management Services, Inc., Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (August 10, 2020), https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ofccp/foia/files/2020-08-10AECOM_CA_SW_Redacted.pdf

On February 11, 2026, Bobby White, an African-American man, filed a civil rights complaint against Amentum Services Inc. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, alleging that they engaged in unlawful, discriminatory and retaliatory employment practices.⁹⁶ White has worked for Amentum since November 2014 at the U.S. Army Depot in Anniston, Alabama, and worked at the facility for other contractors prior to that time.

False Claims Act & Related Violations

Although Amentum Services, Inc. has not been cited for False Claims Act or related violations itself, several of its related companies, that are subsidiaries of Amentum Holdings, Inc., have been cited for False Claims Act violations over the years, amounting to total fines or civil suits of more than \$57 million.⁹⁷

In April 2025, DynCorp International, LLC, acquired by Amentum in November 2020,⁹⁸ agreed to a [\\$21 million Department of Justice \(DOJ\) settlement](#) related to False Claims Act violations for knowingly billing the Department of State with inflated costs on a contract to train Iraqi police forces.⁹⁹ In a separate case in June 2025, Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS), another Amentum subsidiary, [agreed to pay \\$6.5 million to resolve allegations of fraud](#) related to the company's overcharging of labor hours involving millions of dollars on a Department of Energy contract.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁶ Bobby White vs. Amentum Services, Inc., Case 5:26-cv-00221-HDM, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHEASTERN DIVISION, (February 11, 2026).

⁹⁷ Amentum, VIOLATION TRACKER,

https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/?company_op=starts&company=amentum

⁹⁸ "Amentum Closes DynCorp Acquisition," Press Release, AMENTUM.COM (November 23, 2020),

<https://www.amentum.com/news/amentum-closes-dyncorp-acquisition/>

⁹⁹ "DynCorp Agrees to Pay \$21 Million to Resolve False Claims Act Lawsuit Alleging Inflated Costs on State Department," U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (April 9, 2025),

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/dyncorp-agrees-pay-21-million-resolve-false-claims-act-lawsuit-alleging-inflated-costs>

¹⁰⁰ "Hanford Contractor, Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS), Agrees to Pay \$6.5 Million to Resolve Allegations of Fraud," U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Washington, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (June 24, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwa/pr/hanford-contractor-washington-river-protection-solutions-wrps-agrees-pay-65-million>

Table 1: Amentum Affiliated Companies’ False Claims Act & Related Violations¹⁰¹

Amentum Subsidiary or Affiliated Company	Primary Offense	Federal Agency	Year	Fine
DynCorp International, LLC	False Claims Act and related offenses	DOJ Civil	2025	\$21,000,000
Washington River Protection Solutions, LLC	False Claims Act and related offenses	USAO	2025	\$6,500,000
DynCorp International, LLC	Kickbacks & Bribery	USAO	2020	\$1,500,000
PAE Applied Technologies, LLC	False Claims Act and related offenses	USAO	2019	\$4,200,000
Washington Closure Hanford, LLC	False Claims Act and related offenses	USAO	2018	\$3,200,000
Washington River Protection Solutions LLC	False Claims Act and related offenses	DOJ Civil	2017	\$5,275,000
Pacific Architects and Engineers LLC	False Claims Act and related offenses	USAO	2017	\$5,000,000
PAE Government Services Inc. and RM Asia (HK) Limited	False Claims Act and related offenses	DOJ Civil	2015	\$1,450,000
DynCorp International LLC	False Claims Act and related offenses	DOJ Civil	2011	\$7,700,000
EG&G Technical Services, Inc.	False Claims Act and related offenses	USAO	2009	\$1,765,164
TOTAL				\$57,590,164

TIES THAT BIND

Acquisition Logistics LLC and its senior officials do not appear to have any public ties to President Trump or his family and have not made any contributions to any of Trump’s political campaigns, based on a review of Federal Election Commission (FEC) data.

¹⁰¹ Amentum, VIOLATION TRACKER, https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/?company_op=starts&company=amentum

However, Nathan Albers, owner of Disaster Management Group (DMG) that is cited as one of the Acquisition Logistics subcontractors on the Camp East Montana project, has made substantial political donations to Republican political campaigns, including more than \$150,000 in 2025 alone.¹⁰² In addition, he and his wife have close ties to Trump's family, according to public records. The Albers' reportedly attended election night in 2024 at Mar-a-Lago and Nathan Albers once reportedly co-chaired a charity fundraiser at Trump National Golf Club with Eric and Lara Trump, according to reporting from [ProPublica](#).¹⁰³ Albers also reportedly attended the "Crypto Ball" sponsored by supporters of Donald Trump in January 2025.¹⁰⁴ In early March 2026, Kimberly Albers also co-chaired a [pet fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago](#) with Lara Trump, the President's daughter-in-law.¹⁰⁵

Disaster management has been good for Nathan Albers. He appears to have profited handsomely from his various government contracts. In October 2024, it was reported that he purchased an 8,000 square foot [waterfront mansion for \\$30 million](#) on the Jupiter Inlet in Florida, about 24 miles north of Mar-a-Lago.¹⁰⁶ In addition, Albers' personal connections to the Trump family raise questions about how his company, Disaster Management Group became involved with the DHS contract at Camp East Montana, particularly given the fact that DMG was fined \$17.7 million in [six separate incidents](#) by the Department of Labor for wage and hour violations between 2021 and 2024.¹⁰⁷

¹⁰² Avi Asher-Schapiro and Jeff Ernsthausen, "His Former Company Got Caught Employing Undocumented Workers. Now He's Profiting Off an Immigrant Detention Camp," PROPUBLICA (July 25, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/nathan-albers-fort-bliss-immigration>

¹⁰³ Avi Asher-Schapiro and Jeff Ernsthausen, "His Former Company Got Caught Employing Undocumented Workers. Now He's Profiting Off an Immigrant Detention Camp," PROPUBLICA (July 25, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/nathan-albers-fort-bliss-immigration>

¹⁰⁴ Ibid.

¹⁰⁵ "Big Dog Ranch Rescue Raises Record Breaking \$5.5 Million At Fundraiser," TOWN-CRIER (March 20, 2026), <https://gotowncrier.com/2026/03/big-dog-ranch-rescue-raises-record-breaking-5-5-million-at-fundraiser/>

¹⁰⁶ Kate Hinsche, "Disaster response mogul buys Jupiter Inlet Colony's most expensive house for record \$30M," THE REAL DEAL (October 31, 2024), <https://therealdeal.com/miami/2024/10/31/jupiter-inlet-colony-mansion-sells-for-record-30m/>

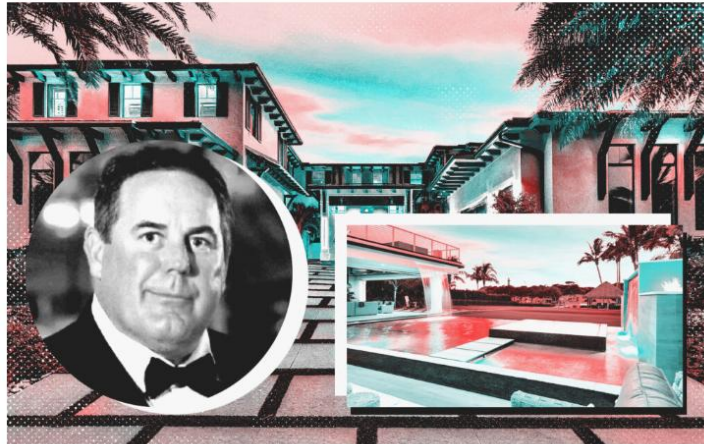
¹⁰⁷ Disaster Management Group LLC, VIOLATION TRACKER, https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/?company_op=starts&company=disaster+management

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Disaster response mogul buys Jupiter Inlet Colony's most expensive house for record \$30M

8,100 sf waterfront mansion has a gym, sauna, study, theater and private dock



A photo illustration of Disaster Management Group's Nate Albers along with 103 Lighthouse Drive in J...

Since at least 2023, Kimberly Albers has been involved in a pet donation charity called [Big Dog Ranch Rescue](#) and their annual event at Mar-A-Lago. Kimberly and Nathan Albers, along with Eric Trump (President Trump's son), and his wife Lara Trump posed for a photograph together at this event in 2023.¹⁰⁸



¹⁰⁸ Big Dog Ranch Rescue, FACEBOOK post (December 13, 2023), <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=750889880413783&set=pcb.750890327080405>

In April 2024, Kimberly Albers also posted a photo on Instagram posing alongside [Kimberly Guilfoyle](#), Donald Trump, Jr.'s former fiancée,¹⁰⁹ who was appointed by Donald Trump to be the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for that position in September 2025.¹¹⁰



From Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 8, 2026, Kim Albers co-chaired a [“Wine, Women and Shoes”](#) fundraising event for the Big Dog Rescue Ranch charity at Mar-A-Lago. Lara Trump served as the honorary chair of the event.¹¹¹



¹⁰⁹ Brandon Bombay, “Kimberly Guilfoyle’s Closest Gal Pals at Mar-a-Lago Scream Desperate Housewives,” NICKI SWIFT.COM (December 22, 2024), <https://www.nickiswift.com/1740178/kimberly-guilfoyle-pals-mar-a-lago-scream-desperate-housewives/>

¹¹⁰ “U.S. Senate Confirms Kimberly Guilfoyle as U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic,” U.S. EMBASSY & CONSULATE IN GREECE (September 19, 2025), <https://gr.usembassy.gov/press-release-u-s-senate-confirms-kimberly-guilfoyle-as-u-s-ambassador-to-the-hellenic-republic/>

¹¹¹ Big Dog Ranch Rescue, WINE, WOMENT & SHOES, <https://www.winewomenandshoes.com/event/bdrr/>

It is unclear if Albers' company, DMG, has any role in the new Camp East Montana contract with Amentum. Despite assertions by DHS that "no other vendor" was capable of fulfilling the contract except Amentum, questions remain about how and why it received the contract and why it was not opened up to a competitive bidding process.

There do not appear to be close political ties between Amentum and Donald Trump. However, the owner of one of the major companies that Amentum purchased in 2020, DynCorp International, has had very close ties to President Trump. In 2010, Cerberus Capital Management acquired DynCorp. for \$1.5 billion.¹¹² Cerberus' co-Chief Executive Officer (CEO), [Stephen Feinberg](#), has been an active supporter of Donald Trump.¹¹³ During the 2016 and 2020 Presidential elections Feinberg reportedly donated a reported \$3.2 million to pro Trump PACs.¹¹⁴ In addition, during Donald Trump's run for the Presidency in 2016, Feinberg served on Trump's Economic Advisory Council.¹¹⁵ In May 2018, President Trump named Feinberg the Chair of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.¹¹⁶ More recently, during his second term in office, President Trump nominated Feinberg to be the [Deputy Secretary of Defense](#) and he was sworn into that position in March 2025.¹¹⁷ He is seen below seated next to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.



Deputy Secretary of Defense Steve Feinberg, center, with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, right, at the Pentagon in 2025. Jonathan Ernst/Reuters

¹¹² "Cerberus to Buy DynCorp for \$1.5 Billion," Dealbook, THE NEW YORK TIMES (April 12, 2010), <https://archive.nytimes.com/dealbook.nytimes.com/2010/04/12/cerberus-to-buy-dyncorp-for-1-5-billion/>

¹¹³ Oligarchs and the Trump Admin: Stephen Feinberg," REVOLVING DOOR PROJECT (April 8, 2025), <https://therevolvingdoorproject.org/billionaires-and-the-trump-admin-stephen-feinberg/>

¹¹⁴ Matthew Cunningham-Cook, "Major Trump Donor Owned Security Firm That Trained Khashoggi Killers," THE INTERCEPT (June 24, 2021), <https://theintercept.com/2021/06/24/khashoggi-trump-donor-saudi-arabia-tier-1/>

¹¹⁵ Catherine Macaulay, "Who's Who in Defense: Stephen Feinberg, Deputy Secretary of Defense (DSD)," BREAKING DEFENSE (April 1, 2025), <https://breakingdefense.com/2025/04/whos-who-in-defense-stephen-feinberg-deputy-secretary-of-defense-dsd/>

¹¹⁶ Ibid.

¹¹⁷ Ibid.

To be clear, Feinberg has not maintained any official positions with Amentum since they purchased DynCorp. Records also show that Amentum has not contributed to any of Donald Trump’s political campaigns. However, [Amentum’s CEO, John Heller](#), personally met with Trump in September 2025 in the United Kingdom during Trump’s state visit to the U.K. During that visit Heller announced that Amentum would create 3,000 new jobs in the U.K.’s nuclear power industry and the company said in a press release and social media post on X, that they hoped Amentum could help “deliver on President Trump’s executive orders calling for a quadrupling of nuclear generating capacity by 2050.”¹¹⁸ It is not known if Heller and Trump discussed the Camp East Montana facility during their meeting in the United Kingdom.



Conclusion

Camp East Mountain is a case study in the reckless cruelty of the Trump administration’s mass detention and deportation agenda. In service of a commitment to arrest and deport huge numbers of people, the administration is rushing to create a physical infrastructure sufficient to manage a surge of detainees. In doing so, it is cutting corners – and the horrific, and sometimes deadly, results are already evident.

The administration entered into a contract with Acquisition Logistics, a company with no experience operating at the scale of the Camp East Montana project, rushing forward in violation of normal contracting rules, and paving the way for avoidable human tragedy. Now it has replaced its first, failed contractor with a new, no-bid contract conferred on an enterprise that has compiled a sordid record of wrongdoing.

The [detainee population at Camp East Montana](#) is expected to eventually grow from an estimated 3,000 detainees today to 5,000 detainees when the center is at full capacity.¹¹⁹

¹¹⁸ “Amentum to create 3,000 jobs as U.K. nuclear renaissance and defence spending boost growth,” AMENTUM.COM (September 18, 2025), <https://www.amentum.com/news/amentum-to-create-3000-jobs-as-u-k-nuclear-renaissance-and-defence-spending-boost-growth/>

¹¹⁹ Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, “ICE’s Warehouse Purchases Herald New Model for Immigration Detention,” AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL (February 24, 2026), https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/blog/ice-buys-warehouses-immigration-detention/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

That will inevitably lead to more management and operational challenges and will likely lead to more problems, safety, health and security concerns regarding the detainee population, not less.

Unfortunately, Amentum's past actions do not provide confidence that it will ensure that the people who are and will be detained at Camp East Montana – most of whom will not be criminals, contrary to administration claims, and many of whom may have legal right to be in the United States – receive decent and humane treatment they deserve.