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Cornell Companies Adult Secure Institutional Services

Big Spring Correctional Center

Big Spring, Texas



Background

- Opened in 1989, the low-security facility houses nonviolent illegal aliens who have five years or less remaining on their sentences.
- Offenders who serve or complete their sentences and wait for deportation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are assigned to the facility.
- All assignments to the facility are made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).
- The complex has four separate units: Interstate, Airpark, Flightline and Cedar Hill.
- Each unit has its own security measures, which include 12-foot perimeter fencing, rolls of razor wire, electronic detection systems and armed mobile patrols.
- A modern teleconferencing center allows judicial hearings to take place without incurring offender transportation costs.

- Community ministers conduct religious services.
- Employment training and assistance includes interview techniques, resume writing and completing applications.
- Vocational training offered in conjunction with Howard College and includes arc welding, cabinet making, landscaping, computer science and municipal solid waste composting.
- Dining, laundry and medical services are provided, along with recreational and physical activity opportunities. Inmate wellness programs are also offered.

Programs

The following voluntary programs and services help prepare offenders to return to their local communities and provide for their well being while at the facility.

- Educational offerings include GED, Mexican GED, Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language and computer training. Offenders may enroll in courses through the Mexican Consulate at no cost.
- Substance abuse and addiction support groups through Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA).
- Life skills training in personal hygiene, budgeting, banking, securing housing, etc.
- Offender therapy includes criminal thinking errors, rational self-analysis, learning to take responsibility for crime and understanding the cost of crime to the victim and community.

Accreditation and Recognitions

- The facility earned accreditation through the American Correctional Association in 2006.
- The facility also earned accreditation through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations in 2002, and was reaccredited in 2005.

Location

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Total Service Capacity:	2,646
Custody Level:	Low-security adult males
Contracting Agencies:	Federal BOP, ICE, U.S. Marshals Service
ACA Accreditation:	2006
Year Cornell Assumed Operations:	1996

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