



One Hundred Nineteenth Congress
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. David J. Venturella
Acting Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Mr. Venturella:

We write yet again to express our concerns about a questionable contract awarded by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We first wrote to ICE about questionable contracts on September 5, 2025, in response to ICE awarding a contract for 25 Chevrolet Tahoes to Hendrick Motorsports LLC—a dealership owned by a Republican donor who has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Republican candidates and committees.¹ We wrote your predecessor, Mr. Todd Lyons, again on March 11, 2026, when it was reported that ICE’s former Deputy Director saddled the agency with thousands of vehicles wrapped in the agency’s logo that it could not use.² This time, we are concerned about a contract given by ICE, on behalf of the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF), to a company whose staff and credentials appear to be fabricated.

On April 21, 2026, ICE awarded a \$12.2 million sole-source contract to Edge Ops for analytical support to identify, assess, and disrupt transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) and foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs).³ The use of this surveillance tool, referred to as Project SAFE HAVEN, is concerning, especially in the hands of an agency that has repeatedly disregarded the Constitution and rule of law. Such concerns are further exacerbated by the sole source nature of the contract to a company that promotes falsehoods and has no past performance working for the Federal government.

On May 11, 2026, *The Lever* reported several suspicious actions taken by Edge Ops to scrub its website of inaccurate and misleading content after its contract with ICE became public knowledge.⁴ Among the scrubbed items was a stock photo supposedly of the company’s lead

¹ Letter from Ranking Member Bennie Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, et al. to Acting Director Lyons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Sept. 5, 2025).

² Letter from Ranking Member Bennie Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, et al. to Acting Director Lyons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Mar. 11, 2026).

³ Analytic Support, Contract No. 70CMSD26C00000003, executed May 6, 2026, <https://sam.gov/opp/1e56d9deb05143c9b67cdccb227d64c2/view>

⁴ Katya Schwenk, *The ICE Surveillance Firm With Missing Executives And Phantom Clients*, THE LEVER (May 11, 2026), <https://www.levernews.com/the-ice-surveillance-firm-with-missing-executives-and-phantom-clients/>.

computer scientist. The easily identifiable stock photo of a “smiling young [I]ndian lady” was found on several other websites, including for therapy and life coaching services. Edge Ops also deleted from its website a false statement about the use of its technology by a wildfire detection technology company after the company denied having any knowledge of Edge Ops. Edge Ops further altered its website by modifying a quote from a satisfied customer when no such customer could be located.

Edge Ops also has no prior experience working for the Federal government. Edge Ops was first incorporated in 2014 to “house and to hold a new sailboat.”⁵ Somehow during the last decade, Edge Ops transitioned from storing a sailboat to selling an AI-driven surveillance tool. Furthermore, according to the government website that tracks Federal government spending, Edge Ops has not received any contracts other than the \$12 million contract from ICE.⁶

We have many questions about ICE’s rush to award a \$12 million surveillance contract, with no competition, to a company with no experience and fabricated information. Please provide the following no later than June 3, 2026:

1. All communications and documents regarding the market research conducted by ICE before awarding the Project SAFE HAVEN contract to Edge Ops;
2. All communications and documentation provided by entities other than Edge Ops that expressed interest in providing the analytic support services sought by ICE to identify, assess, and disrupt TCOs and FTOs;
3. All communications between ICE and the HSTF on HSTF’s requirements for analytical capabilities to identify, assess, and disrupt TCOs and FTOs;
4. All communications and documentation regarding the justification for the sole source contract to Edge Ops, including the signed justification for using other than full and open competition;
5. All drafts and final copies of the contract awarded by ICE to Edge Ops to include any contract modifications; and
6. All communications between ICE and Edge Ops, their representatives, and any affiliated entities.

Per Rule X of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security is the principal committee of jurisdiction for overall homeland security policy and has special oversight functions of “all Government activities relating to homeland security, including the interaction of all departments and agencies with the Department of Homeland Security.”

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Edge Ops LLC Overview, USASPENDING.GOV, <https://www.usaspending.gov/recipient/6a504e6b-0bcf-5ea6-45f7-736f4243e22e-C/latest> (accessed May 19, 2026).

In addition to your prompt attention to this matter, we also request the long overdue responses to our September 25, 2025, and March 11, 2026, letters.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security



Shri Thanedar
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations,
and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino, Chairman

The Honorable Josh Brecheen, Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability