



# ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS

## 101 Briefing

### ICE ERO

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# ICE HISTORY AND PURPOSE



Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, U.S. Congress passed the Homeland Security Act in November 2002 thus creating the **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**.

**DHS absorbed the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and former U.S. Customs Service to create three new agencies:**



**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**



**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**



**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**



# ERO DIVISIONS & STATS




ICE's mission is to protect America from the cross-border crime and illegal immigration that threaten national security and public safety. This mission is executed through the enforcement of more than 400 federal statutes and focuses on smart immigration enforcement, preventing terrorism and combating the illegal movement of people and goods.



## FY 2023 ERO Snapshot

 ~ **4.5 Billion**  
appropriated

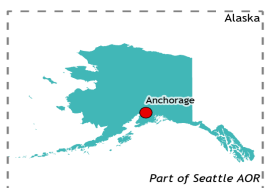
 **7,711** law enforcement and  
civilian personnel  
authorized

 **25** domestic field offices  
overseeing over 200 domestic  
locations as well as personnel  
in 31 overseas locations



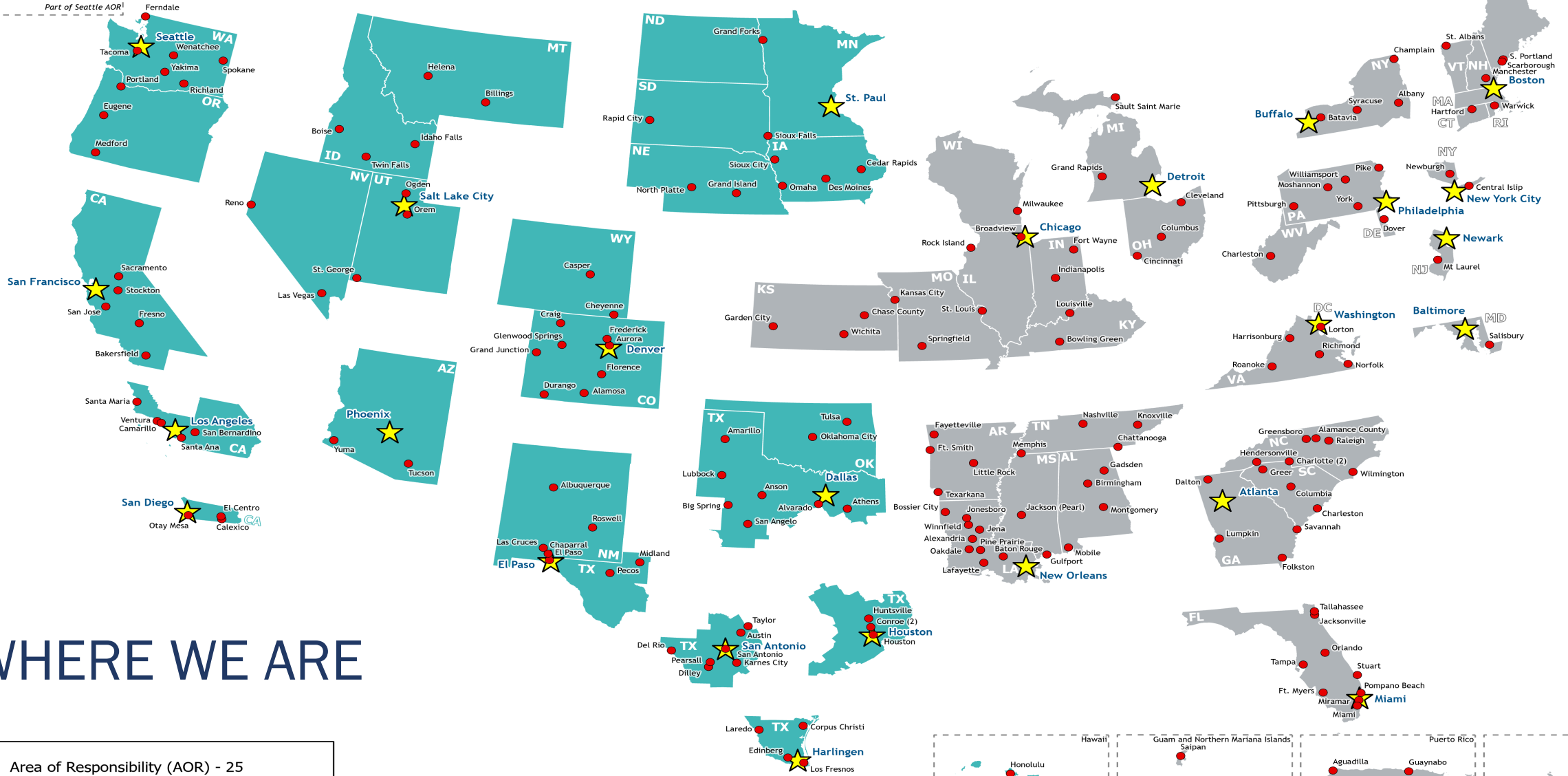
# U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

## 2023 ERO Field Offices





WEST

EAST



# WHERE WE ARE

-  Area of Responsibility (AOR) - 25
-  Sub-Field Office / Other ERO Presence - 178



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# What We Do



Identify



Arrest



Detain



Remove



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# Identify

ERO directs its limited enforcement resources toward noncitizens posing the greatest threats to homeland security through intelligence-driven leads.



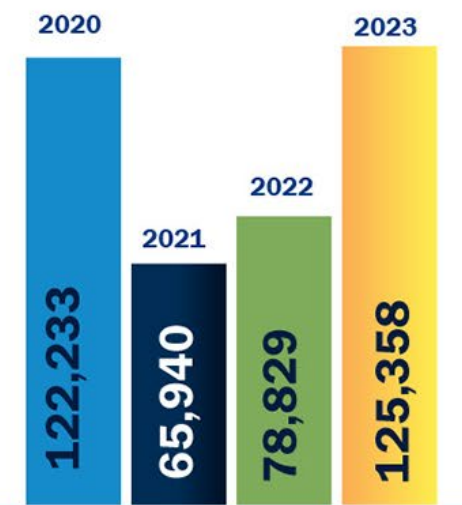


# IDENTIFY: LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS

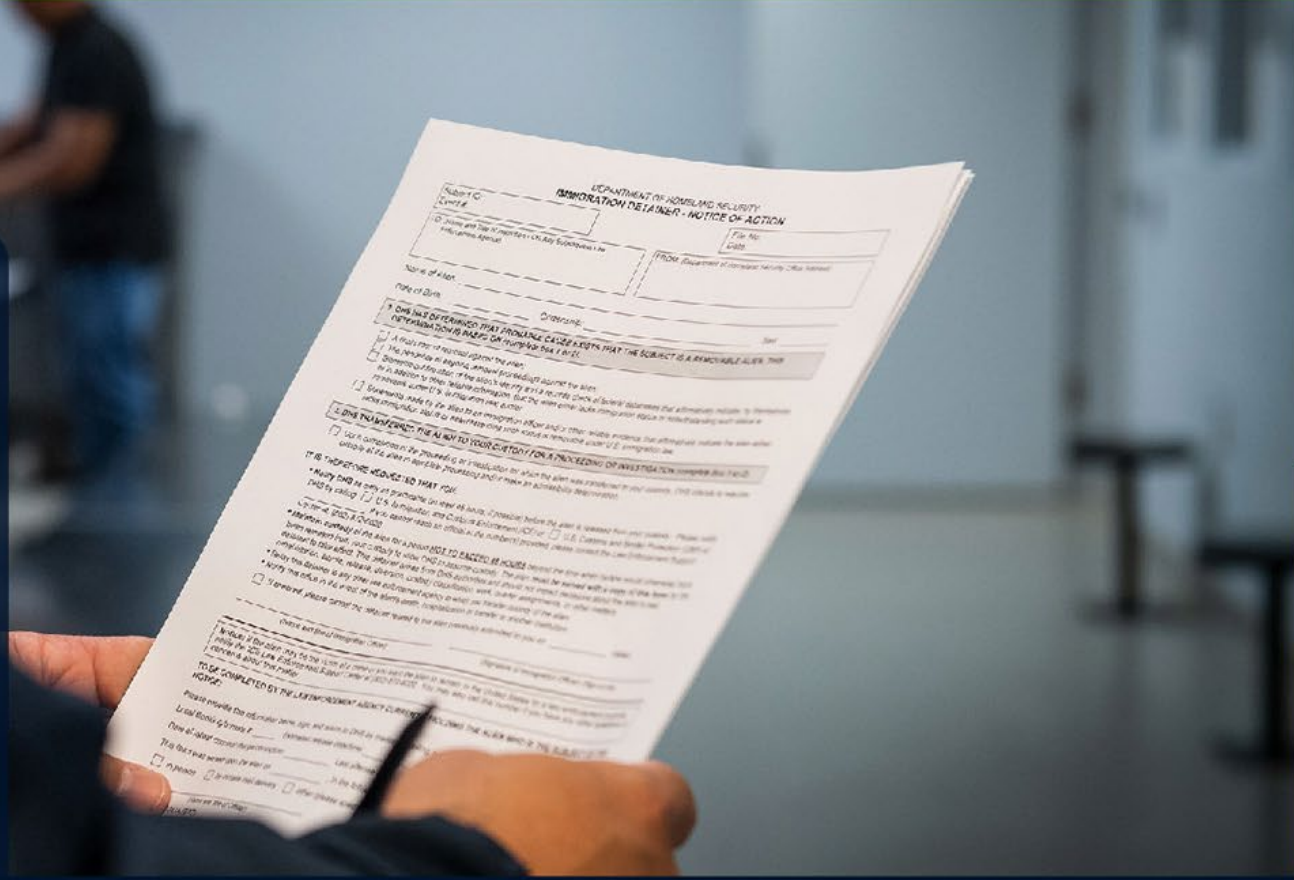


A **detainer** is a lawful request issued by ERO to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to maintain custody of an identified noncitizen for up to **48 hours** beyond when they would have otherwise been released, or to provide notification as early as possible, **allowing ERO time to assume custody before the subject is released.**

**Detainers by Fiscal Year**



**Detainers are one of the primary ways ERO carries out its public safety mission and helps safely remove criminal noncitizens before they can be released into the community to potentially reoffend.**



**Partnerships** with federal, state and local law enforcement organizations provide a safe and efficient method of engaging criminal noncitizen offenders in a secure and controlled environment.



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# Arrest

ERO focuses its enforcement efforts on criminals and those who pose a threat to national security, public safety, and border security.







## ARREST:

# CRIMINAL APPREHENSION PROGRAM (CAP)

CAP focuses on the identification and administrative arrest of noncitizens in prisons and jails nationwide who have been arrested by other law enforcement agencies for criminal activity.



### SECURE TRANSFER

Through CAP, ERO takes criminal noncitizens into custody in a secure environment, decreasing risks to officers, noncitizens, and the community.



### EFFICIENT USE OF LIMITED RESOURCES

Taking criminal noncitizens directly into custody is significantly more efficient than attempting to locate and arrest them at large.



### SUPPORTS PUBLIC SAFETY

When ERO directly assumes custody of a criminal noncitizen through CAP, it prevents the noncitizen from being released back into the community where they may reoffend.





## ARREST:

# TARGETED AT-LARGE ENFORCEMENT

## FUGITIVE OPERATIONS

**Fugitive Operations personnel oversee targeted enforcement actions related to:**

- At-large fugitive noncitizens
- ICE Most Wanted
- INTERPOL

**Fugitive Operations consists of:**

- 129 Fugitive Operations Teams
- 10 Mobile Criminal Apprehension Teams

**Tactical capabilities:**

- 22 ERO Special Response Teams

Fugitive Operations provides direction and support to ERO's effort to locate and arrest at-large noncitizens within the U.S. via intelligence-driven leads.



## TARGETED ENFORCEMENT

ERO targeted enforcement operations are coordinated efforts focused on specific immigration violators, such as sex offenders, previous DUIs, and opioid traffickers.



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# Detain

ERO oversees the civil immigration detention of one of the most diverse and fluid detained populations in the world.





# DETENTION: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION (ATD)

The ATD program uses technology, case management, and other tools to manage noncitizens' compliance with release conditions while on ICE's non-detained docket. ATD provides additional oversight for noncitizens who may not warrant ICE's limited detention resources.

Qualifying ATD participants adhere to the following types of monitoring:



## Facial Comparison

Facial comparison technology monitors participant compliance.



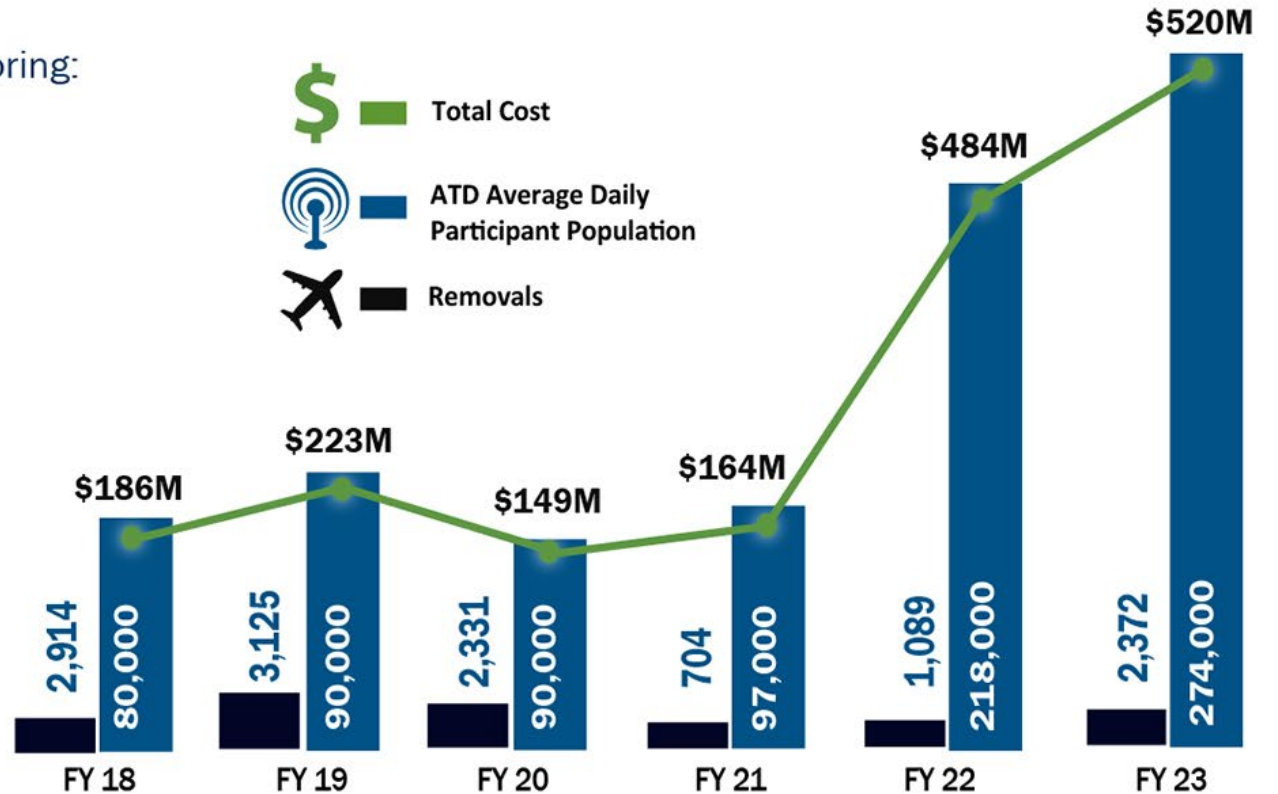
## GPS Monitoring

Satellites track location to ensure compliance with the conditions of release.



## Telephonic Reporting

Phone calls are compared against a voiceprint which is obtained during initial enrollment.





# Remove

ICE removes noncitizens from the U.S. who are subject to a final order of removal issued by an immigration judge or other lawful order. Removals include noncitizens arrested by ERO in the interior as well as those apprehended by CBP at the border.



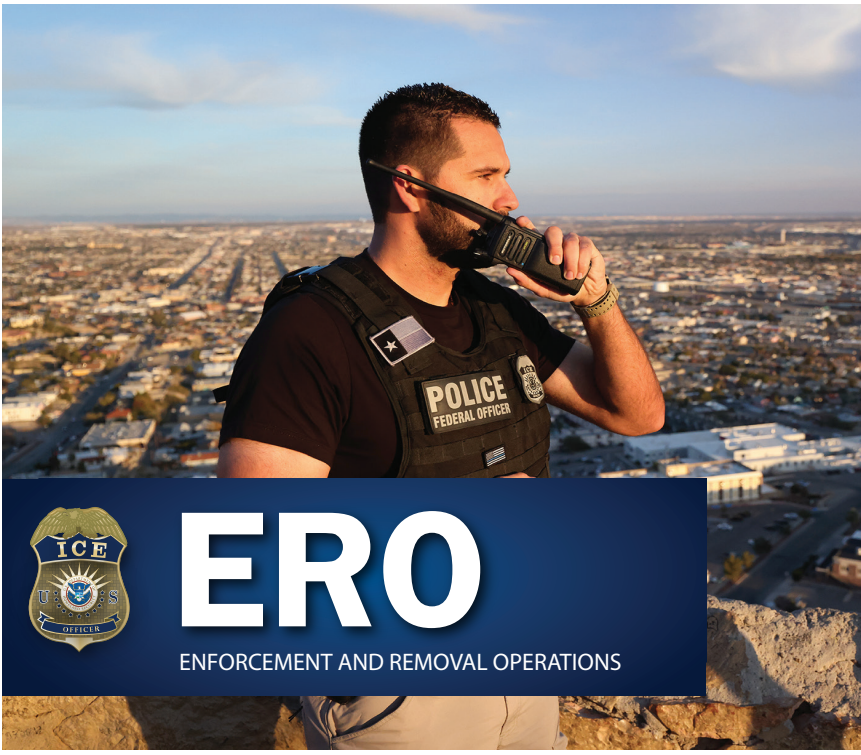
**REMOVALS:****HOW DOES ERO REMOVE?**

- 1** ERO is responsible for coordinating, managing and facilitating efforts to remove noncitizens from the United States.
- 2** ERO's ICE Air Operations provides a network of air transportation to ERO's 25 field offices to facilitate the movement of noncitizens within the United States and the removal of noncitizens to destinations worldwide via air charter and commercial air services.
- 3** ERO removes noncitizens subject to a final order of removal issued by an immigration judge or other lawful order.
- 4** ERO places personnel abroad to work with foreign governments to remove noncitizens from the U.S.
- 5** In collaboration with the Department of State, ERO works with international partners to ensure countries accept the return of their nationals.

**142,580**

**removals were conducted from the U.S.  
via land and air in FY 2023.**





**ERO's** mission is to protect the homeland through the arrest and removal of those who undermine the safety of our communities and the integrity of our immigration laws. With a budget of approximately \$4.5 billion, ERO's workforce of nearly 7,700 employees carries out its mission through 25 field offices and one headquarters, in more than 200 domestic and 31 overseas locations.

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## **Stakeholder Resources**

### **Congressional Relations**

For legislative inquiries about ICE, visit:  
<https://www.ice.gov/leadership/ocr> or contact the ICE Office of Congressional Relations at:  
**ICE-CongressionalRelations@ice.dhs.gov.**

### **Detention Management**

To learn more about detention facilities within the ERO Chicago AOR, contacting a detainee, legal and case information, hours of visitation and other resources visit:  
**[https://www.ice.gov/detention-facilities.](https://www.ice.gov/detention-facilities)**



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