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Per ERO, we struck this part out of the background section: “per Congressional appropriation standards”.

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Here is what DHS just cleared for issuance to Telemundo, Univision and Entravision.

STATEMENT

The Voluntary Work Program, which allows detainees the opportunity to feel productive and contribute to the orderly operation of facilities, was developed in an effort to improve detainee morale and reduce the frequency of disciplinary incidents. The Voluntary Work Program, which as its name implies is completely voluntary and at the discretion of the detainee, does not constitute employment and is done by detainees on a voluntary basis for a small stipend.

ICE detention standards impose safeguards governing the operation of voluntary work programs at ICE detention facilities, including a restriction in the number of work details, training and health and safety standards.

A small percentage of facilities which are not managed by ICE, such as county jails, have opted to maintain, for their own criminal population, voluntary work programs that provide non-monetary benefits and privileges. Because some of the jails were unwilling to provide monetary compensation exclusively to ICE detainees, the agency has permitted ICE detainees to choose to participate in such programs in exchange for the prevailing non-monetary compensation, while ensuring that the jails comply with all other safeguards and requirements in the ICE detention standard governing voluntary work programs.