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## ICE 287(g) Program

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Chief Craft,

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is reaching out to see if you have any interest in volunteering for the ICE 287(g) program.

### What is ICE's 287(g) Program?

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 added Section 287(g) to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), authorizing ICE to delegate to state and local law enforcement officers the authority to perform specified immigration officer functions under the agency's direction and oversight.

The 287(g) Program enhances the safety and security of our nation's communities by allowing ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) to partner with state and local law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to identify and remove criminal aliens who are amenable to removal from the U.S.

ICE recognizes the importance of its relationships with its law enforcement partners to carry out its critical mission. The 287(g) program allows ICE — through the delegation of specified immigration officer duties — to enhance collaboration with state and local law enforcement partners to protect the homeland through the arrest and removal of aliens who undermine the safety of our nation's communities and the integrity of U.S. immigration laws.

Below you will find the link to the 287(g) website for your review and consideration.

[Delegation of Immigration Authority Section 287\(g\) Immigration and Nationality Act | ICE](#)

### 287(g) Program Models

ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations operates three 287(g) models:

- The **Jail Enforcement Model (JEM)** is designed to identify and process removable aliens — with criminal or pending criminal charges — who are arrested by state or local LEAs.

The **Task Force Model (TFM)** serves as a force multiplier for LEAs to enforce limited immigration authority with ICE oversight during their routine police duties. LEAs wishing to participate in this model must have at least two years of law enforcement experience.

- The **Warrant Service Officer (WSO)** program allows ICE to train, certify, and authorize state and local law enforcement officers to serve and execute administrative warrants on aliens in their agency's jail.

### How Can Your Agency Participate in the ICE 287(g) Program?

- On January 20, 2025, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 14159, *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, which requires ICE to authorize state and local law enforcement officials, as the Secretary of Homeland Security determines are qualified and appropriate, under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to the maximum extent

permitted by law. Several states, including but not limited to Georgia and Florida, have passed, or are considering, state legislation mandating LEAs seek out or enter into memorandums of agreement (MOA) with ICE pursuant to a partnership under the 287(g) Program.

- Participation in the 287(g) Program is limited to LEAs only and interested LEAs must sign an MOA with ICE. LEAs will nominate officers to participate in the 287(g) Program; those nominees must possess U.S. citizenship, complete and pass a background investigation, and have knowledge of and have enforced laws and regulations related to law enforcement activities at their jurisdictions. Nominees will receive training at the expense of ICE related to the immigration duties pertinent to the applicable MOA.
- LEAs interested in becoming a law enforcement partner under the 287(g) Program must submit a signed Letter of Interest and signed MOA to ICE at [ERO287g@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ERO287g@ice.dhs.gov).

These forms can be found below.

- **WSO**

- [WSO Letter of Interest template](#)
- [WSO MOA \(fillable\)](#)

- **JEM**

- [JEM Letter of Interest Template](#)
- [JEM MOA \(fillable\)](#)

- **TFM**

- [TFM Letter of Interest Template](#)
- [TFM MOA \(fillable\)](#)

#### **FAQs**

- [287\(g\) Facts and Highlights](#)
- [287\(g\) Jail Enforcement Model Facts](#)
- [287\(g\) Warrant Service Officer Facts](#)

If you want to volunteer for this program, sign a letter of interest, send a signed MOA, or have any questions, please contact the [ERO287g@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ERO287g@ice.dhs.gov) inbox.

Thank you for your continued partnership - we look forward to working with you.

Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of further assistance. Thank you for your time.

Stay safe,

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