

## The DEPLOYABLE DETENTION CENTER

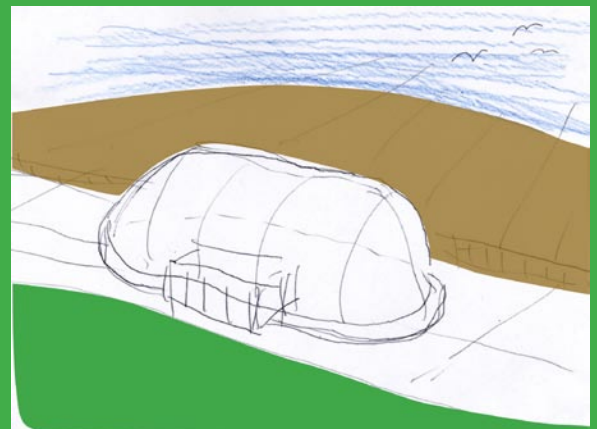
Design Solutions for Agricultural America



“The world’s farms need workers. In the US, crops waste in the fields for want of people to harvest them. We in the prison industry share the blame for this. Over half of all farmworkers in the US are undocumented immigrants. We’ve worked hard to ensure that attempts to give temporary legal status to migrant workers would collapse. So long as the government is bent on imprisoning migrants, the demand for detention beds rises. Detention beds are our business, and thanks to anti-immigrant policies it is booming despite the recession.

● But we at PortaPrison are looking to future profits, with an opportunity to reinstate the time-honoured equation of migration and seasonal work. The prison industry persuaded the government that more detention is good for the country using the tent prison: a new concept that combines fast installation with low cost: one of the largest, at Raymondville Texas has 10 units each holding 200 beds: it was built in 90 days. The new prisons (by Sprung Instant Structures of Utah) are made of Tedlar, a nylon material, stretched over metal studs. But despite being lightweight and inhospitable, they are not temporary.

● We have designed a new stand-alone tent structure: a Deployable Detention Center that can be moved quickly onto a farm when workers were needed, to accommodate just the right number of detainees for the job. When no longer needed, prison and inmates move on.



● The **Little Prison That Could** is a design solution for the struggling farms of the US (and beyond). With it, US farmers can join their leading manufacturing counterparts in taking advantage of the country’s fastest growing resource: immigrant detainees. No longer will growers grumble that they must pay recruiters to bring in seasonal workers, only to find that they don’t want to leave when the job is done, or the Immigration Enforcement interrupts the harvest with a raid.

● Now, American farmers can relax, waiting until the immigrants are detained before booking their cheap, easy to control workforce. All that’s needed is a cooperating Immigration Enforcement and a space to pitch the Prison. Efficiently detailed with a rural simplicity, the **Little Prison That Could** comes with its own green power and mobile bathrooms, for minimal disruption of local ecosystems.

● The private, Deployable Detention Center is the shape of things to come. The **Little Prison That Could** heralds a ‘prisons without borders’ future that will make fortunes.

## the Little Prison That Could



Detailed Drawings Coming Soon



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