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### ICE initiative to increase community engagement

Agency hiring community engagement officers around the country



WASHINGTON – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director Sarah R. Saldaña ICE announced [openings](#) for more than two dozen community liaisons with stakeholders as part of an initiative aimed at increasing local community engagement across the country.

These community relations officers will further ICE's strategic goals by formalizing education and information sharing efforts as well as strengthening partnerships with state and local law enforcement agencies, community organizations, local governments, civic leaders, and the public at large. Improving partnerships and public awareness of ICE is one of the agency's key strategic priorities and the individuals who fill these positions will play an important role in ICE's outreach efforts.

"As the largest investigative agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, it is critical for ICE to have strong relationships with a wide array of external stakeholders," said Director Saldaña.

"I am confident that thoughtful and regular engagement of organizations which have an interest in ICE's law enforcement mission will serve to better inform the public's understanding of ICE and of the important work we do."

ICE's primary mission is to promote homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of federal laws governing border control, customs, trade, and immigration. 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.

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