UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 15, 2021

THE GEO GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Florida (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation 1-14260 (Commission File Number) 65-0043078 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4955 Technology Way, Boca Raton, Florida (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 33431 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (561) 893-0101

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instructions A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol	on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	GEO	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934(17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Section 8 – Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 15, 2021, The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO" or the "Company") announced that the U.S. Marshals Service ("USMS") has notified GEO of a non-renewal of the contract for the GEO-owned, 222-bed Queens Detention Facility in New York, when the contract period expires on March 31, 2021. GEO has requested a contract extension from the USMS in order to provide for a proper transition. The potential non-renewal of the contract for the Queens Detention Facility, which generated approximately \$19 million in annualized revenues, was not previously assumed in GEO's current financial guidance for 2021. If the contract is not extended or renewed, GEO expects to market the Queens Detention Facility to other government agencies. A copy of the press release GEO issued is filed hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated March 15, 2021.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

March 19, 2021 Date

THE GEO GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Brian R. Evans

Brian R. Evans Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

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THE GEO GROUP ANNOUNCES NON-RENEWAL OF U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE CONTRACT FOR QUEENS DETENTION FACILITY IN NEW YORK

Boca Raton, Fla. – March 15, 2021 — The GEO Group, Inc. (NYSE: GEO) ("GEO") announced today that the U.S. Marshals Service ("USMS") has notified GEO of a non-renewal of the contract for the company-owned, 222-bed Queens Detention Facility ending March 31, 2021. GEO has requested a contract extension from the USMS in order to provide for a proper transition. The potential non-renewal of the contract for the Queens Detention Facility, which generated approximately \$19 million in annualized revenues, was not previously assumed in GEO's current financial guidance for 2021. If the contract is not extended or renewed, GEO expects to market the Queens Detention Facility to other government agencies.

About The GEO Group

The GEO Group (NYSE: GEO) is a fully integrated equity real estate investment trust specializing in the design, financing, development, and operation of secure facilities, processing centers, and community reentry centers in the United States, Australia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. GEO is a leading provider of enhanced in-custody rehabilitation, post-release support, electronic monitoring, and community-based programs. GEO's worldwide operations include the ownership and/or management of 118 facilities totaling approximately 93,000 beds, including idle facilities and projects under development, with a workforce of up to approximately 22,000 professionals.

Safe-Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and future performance of GEO that involve risks and uncertainties that could materially affect actual results, including statements regarding the non-renewal of the U.S. Marshals Service contract for the company-owned, 222-bed Queens Detention Facility in New York. Risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to vary from current expectations and forward-looking statements contained in this press release include, but are not limited to: (1) changes in federal and state government policy, orders, directives, legislation and regulations that affect public-private partnerships with respect to secure, correctional and detention facilities, processing centers and reentry centers, including the timing and scope of implementation of President Biden's Executive Order directing the U.S. Attorney General not to renew the U.S. Department of Justice contracts with privately operated criminal detention facilities; (2) changes in federal immigration policy; (3) public and political opposition to the use of public-private partnerships with respect to secure correctional and detention facilities, processing centers and reentry centers; (4) the magnitude, severity, and duration of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, its impact on GEO and GEO's ability to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19; (5) GEO's ability to sustain or improve company-wide occupancy rates at its facilities in light of the COVID-19 global pandemic and

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policy and contract announcements impacting GEO's federal facilities in the United States; (6) fluctuations in our operating results, including as a result of contract terminations, contract renegotiations, changes in occupancy levels and increases in our operating costs, (7) general economic and market conditions, including changes to governmental budgets and its impact on new contract terms, contract renewals, renegotiations, per diem rates, fixed payment provisions, and occupancy levels (8) GEO's ability to timely open facilities as planned, profitably manage such facilities and successfully integrate such facilities into GEO's operations without substantial costs; (9) GEO's ability to win management contracts for which it has submitted proposals and to retain existing management contracts; (10) risks associated with GEO's ability to control operating costs associated with contract start-ups; (11) GEO's ability to declare future quarterly cash dividends and the timing and amount of such future cash dividends; (12) GEO's ability to successfully pursue growth and continue to create shareholder value; (13) GEO's ability to obtain financing or access the capital markets in the future on acceptable terms or at all; (14) GEO's ability to remain qualified as a REIT; and (15) other factors contained in GEO's Securities and Exchange Commission periodic filings, including its Form 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K reports.

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