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To: [Winn, Kim S \(BPA\) - D-1](#)
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Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request
Date: Friday, September 05, 2014 4:00:57 PM

Hi Kim,

Again, my apologies for my repeated delays in getting back to you.

Yes, per our conversation and your e-mail below, I withdraw the part of my request referencing bids.

I would also like to revise my request regarding the RAMS Security Contract. I do not need the entire contract, rather, I request the yearly costs of the last five years of the contract (2009 – 2014).

Thank you for all of your assistance with this!

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From: Winn, Kim S (BPA) - D-1 [mailto:kswinn@bpa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2014 2:08 PM
To: Nicole Knudsen
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act request

Nicole,

This is to confirm our earlier phone conversation regarding revising your FOIA request dated August 26, 2014.

In our discussion of the protection afforded bids and proposals under 41 U.S.C. 4702, I related that Exemption 3 of the FOIA upholds that protection under the procurement statute. The only information that would possibly be released on the winning bid from Intercon Security Services, you have already received via a previous FOIA request (BPA-2014-00793-F). You agreed to withdraw the part of your request referencing bids.

In regard to your request for the 2012 RAMS Security Services, Inc. contract, you stated that you were seeking information on the cost of the contract. You stated that you would re-state that request via email.

As soon as your revised request is received we will be able to reply with a tracking number and an estimated completion date.

Thank you for your willingness to narrow the request. It will help us meet your needs in a more timely manner.

Kim Winn
FOIA Public Liaison
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

To make an Electronic FOIA (E-FOIA) request, please provide the information below. Failure to enter accurate and complete information may render your FOIA request impossible to fulfill.

Requests submitted under the Privacy Act must be signed and, therefore, cannot be submitted on this form.

Date Rec'd:
8/26/2014
Due Date:
9/24/2014
Tracking Number:
BPA-2014-01768-F

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Reasonably Describe Records

Describe the specific record(s) you seek with sufficient detail that a knowledgeable official of the activity may locate the record with a reasonable amount of effort. Such detail should include: dates, titles, file designations, and offices to be searched.

Since most DOE records are not retained permanently, the more information you provide, the better the opportunity there is to determine if the records involved still exist and where. The FOIA clearly states that records must exist at the time the request is submitted.

Enter description:

I request a copy of the following:

1. The most recent (now-expired, as of Feb or March 2014) contract between BPA and RAMS Specialized Security Services.

2. All bidding materials submitted by RAMS Specialized Security Services and Inter-Con Security Services in response to BPA's most recent security RFP (for the contract award that began in March 2014).

Specify preferred form or format:

Electronic

Type of Requester

Select a description of yourself and the purpose of the request to help determine your category for assessing fees:

- An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.
- Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for scholarly or scientific purposes and not for commercial use.
- Affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for the use in the company's business.
- A representative of the news media affiliated with

and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Select Type of media:

Newspaper

Magazine

Television Station

Other:

Fees and Fee Waivers

Your request must include a statement that (1) you agree to pay any fees that may be incurred to process the request, (2) stipulates an amount you are willing to pay, or (3) requests specific waiver or reduction of fees.

Please select the statement that applies:

- I agree to pay all applicable fees.
- I agree to pay up to a specified amount for fees.

Enter amount

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

If you request a waiver or reduction of fees, we will consider the following six factors to make a determination. Please provide information that addresses these factors:

The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns, "the operations or activities of the government."

The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is, "likely to contribute," to an understanding of government operations or activities.

The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so.

The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is significantly large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is, "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

If my request for a waiver or reduction in fees is denied, I agree to pay up to (enter amount) to process my request.

Expedited Processing

I request expedited processing of the request and provide a justification below. I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual.

an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity (this option available ONLY for requesters

primarily engaged in disseminating information).

Please provide your specific justification for expedited processing:

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