



June 16, 2018

RE: FOIA Request 16-2018 JEQ

1) Request #1:

- a. **Dates:** June 14, 2017 - June 14, 2018
- b. **Document type / title: "HUBZone Protest for Solicitation..."** In accordance with (IAW) 13 C.F.R § 126 Subpart H—PROTESTS, **all protests initiated by any Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) contracting officer (co)** regarding the HUBZone Status of a currently HUBZone Certified (HZC) Small Business Concern (SBC)
 - i. **excluding** protests initiated by "interested parties other than a contracting officer" as described in 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)
 - ii. **excluding** protests initiated by the SBA as described in 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)(2)
 - iii. **Author:** Any contracting officer of the Defense Logistics Agency
 - iv. **Recipient:** IAW 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)(2) A contracting officer and SBA must submit their protest to the D/HUB
 - v. **Geographic location:** All DLA offices to include head quarters and field offices

2) Request #2:

- a. **Dates:** June 14, 2017 - June 14, 2018
- b. **Document type / title: "HUBZone Protest for Solicitation..."** In accordance with (IAW) 13 C.F.R § 126 Subpart H—PROTESTS, **all protests initiated by any Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Troop Support contracting officer (co)** regarding the HUBZone Status of a currently HUBZone Certified (HZC) Small Business Concern (SBC)
 - i. **excluding** protests initiated by "interested parties other than a contracting officer" as described in 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)



- ii. **excluding** protests initiated by the SBA as described in 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)(2)
- iii. **Author:** Any contracting officer of the DLA Troop Support Office
- iv. **Recipient:** IAW 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)(2) A contracting officer and SBA must submit their protest to the D/HUB
- v. **Geographic location:** All DLA Troop Support offices

3) Request #3:

- a. **Dates:** June 14, 2017 - June 14, 2018
- b. **Document type / title:** “HUBZone Protest for Solicitation...” In accordance with (IAW) 13 C.F.R § 126 Subpart H—PROTESTS, **all protests initiated by Rebecca Bacon, Contracting Officer, DLA Troop Support IH** regarding the HUBZone Status of a currently HUBZone Certified (HZC) Small Business Concern (SBC)
 - i. **Author:** CO Rebecca Bacon
 - ii. **Recipient:** IAW 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)(2) A contracting officer and SBA must submit their protest to the D/HUB
 - iii. **Geographic location:**

DLA
Industrial Hardware Division
700 Robbins Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19111

4) Request #4:

- a. **Dates:** December 1, 2017 - June 14, 2018
- b. **Document type:** **Between pages 60-65 in the following in a document authored by Rebecca Bacon, titled “RE: HUBZone Small Business Concern Status Protest” attached, Ms. Bacon states:**

“It has been brought to the agency’s attention that vendor JEQ Co LLC’s address of his company is an apartment, 2404 Arctic Ave #2 Virginia Beach,



VA. JEQ Co LLC may not be operating out of the Artic Avenue address...is not currently in a HubZone (sic).”

Please provide documentation demonstrating how this matter was “...brought to the Agency’s attention...”

i. **Author:** CO Rebecca Bacon

ii. **Recipient:** IAW 13 C.F.R §126.801 (c)(2) A contracting officer and SBA must submit their protest to the D/HUB

c. **Geographic location:**

DLA
Industrial Hardware Division
700 Robbins Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19111

5) Request #5:

a. **Dates:** June 14, 2018 - present

b. **Document type:** on page #6 within this attachment, in the document authored by Ms. Mariana Pardo titled “HUBZone Protest for Solicitation No. SPE5E3-18-4570 /Contract No. SPE5EY-18-P0051”, Ms Pardo states:

“The contracting officer further asserts that JEQ’s profile in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) identifies JEQ’s mailing address as 4269 Buckeye Ct., Virginia Beach, VA (4269 Buckeye Ct. location), which is not located in a HUBZone. The contracting officer provided supporting documentation in support of these assertions. Based on all of this, the contracting officer argues that JEQ’s principal office is not located in a HUBZone. Because the contracting officer has provided specific allegations that JEQ may not meet the HUBZone program’s principal office requirement, I find this protest allegation to be specific.”



Please provide documentation demonstrating

- i. Why Ms. Pardo failed to realize that no supporting documentation was provided supporting that assertion?**
- ii. Why Ms. Pardo found the protest to be specific prior to seeing any evidence supporting the assertions made by Ms. Bacon?**
- iii. Why Ms. Pardo would continue to find the protest allegations to be specific even after having been made aware that the evidence provided by Ms. Bacon contained no evidence that the mailing address for JEQ in SAM was anything other than**

**2404 Arctic Avenue, Suite 2
Virginia Beach, VA 23451**

as can be demonstrated in pages 72, 71,70,69, and 68 of this document?

- c. Author:** Mariana Pardo, HUBZone Program Director
- b. Recipient:** Jacob Queern, Principal, JEQ&Co LLC
- d. Geographic location:**

U. S Small Business Administration
Washington D.C 20416

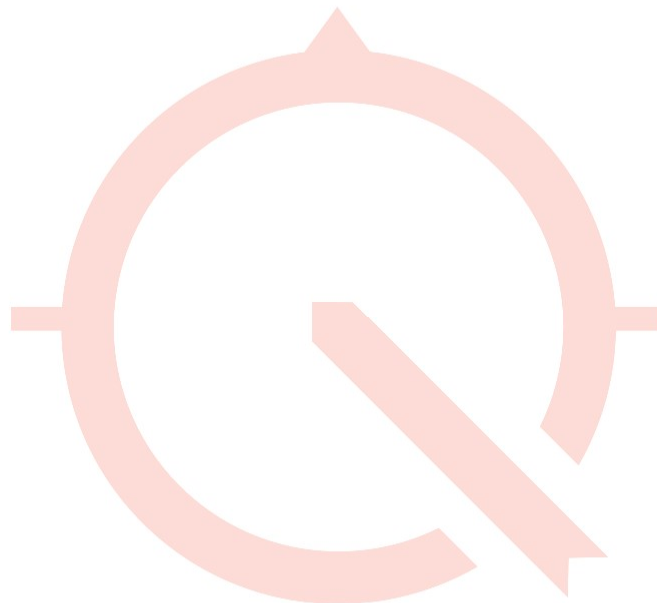
Thank you for your consideration.



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5) (Continued from * Description) on page 3 of this attachment "16-2018 JEQ...", Ms. Pardo states, "The contracting officer further asserts that JEQ's profile in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) identifies JEQ's mailing address as 4269 Buckeye Ct., Virginia Beach, VA (4269 Buckeye Ct. location), which is not located in a HUBZone. The contracting officer provided supporting documentation in support of these assertions. Based on all of this, the contracting officer argues that JEQ's principal office is not located in a HUBZone. Because the contracting officer has provided **specific allegations** that JEQ may not meet the HUBZone program's principal office requirement, I find this protest allegation to be **specific**.

However, as can be seen on page 61 of this document "16-2018 JEQ...", that assertion was erroneous and evidence supporting that assertion does not appear in the evidence provided to the SBA which can be seen in the following pages 10-60 in this document

Therefor and especially in lieu of being repeatedly notified of those facts as can be demonstrated on page 68, 67, 66, 65, and 64 of this document "16-2018 JEQ...", how can Ms. Pardo find the protest to be anything other than wholly erroneous, based on false pretense, and dismiss the protest based on those grounds?

Thank you for your consideration.

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