



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 23-F-0905
September 11, 2023

Mr. Robert Skvarla, Jr.
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263 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115

Dear Mr. Skvarla:

This is a final response to your May 21, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on May 22, 2023, and assigned it FOIA case number 23-F-0905. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Washington Headquarters Services, Acquisition Directorate, a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, conducted a search of their records systems and located 125 pages determined to be responsive to your request. The portion of your request pertaining to invoices is publicly available at the following web link: [Federal Awards | Advanced Search | USAspending](#). Ms. Paulette Creighton, Division Director, Enterprise Acquisition Policy & Strategic Initiatives, in her capacity as an Initial Denial Authority (IDA), has also determined that the 125 pages contain information exempt from public release, including 11 pages withheld in their entirety pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), inter- and intra- agency memoranda which are deliberative in nature; this exemption is appropriate for internal documents which are part of the decision-making process, and contain subjective evaluations, opinions and recommendations.

The aforementioned IDA determined that portions of the remaining 114 responsive pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4), trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and (b)(6), disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying exemptions under the FOIA in the processing of this request.

Finally, Acquisition Directorate conducted an exhaustive search of their records systems for the following: Correspondence (internal emails, physical mail, etc.); Requests for Information; Memorandum(s) of Understanding; Letters of Interest; Task Letters; Privacy Impact Assessments; and, Presentations by Sancorp Consulting, LLC. After thorough searches of their electronic records and files, no records of the subjects were located.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Kayla Webster, at kayla.n.webster2.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0440. Additionally, if you have concerns about service received by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Toni Fuentes, at 571-372-0462, or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency (PCLT), Office of the Secretary of Defense, at the following address: 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: PCLFD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference FOIA case number 23-F-0905 in any appeal correspondence.

We appreciate your patience in the processing of your request. As stated previously, please contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Kayla Webster, and reference FOIA case number 23-F-0905, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

for Pamela Andrews
Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated