



U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration
FOIA and Privacy Act Unit
8701 Morrissette Drive
Springfield, Virginia 22152

Case Number: 22-00049-AP

Subject: Any and all documents related to Bluestone (DEA HQ IT/Technology office contract records for the task order with GovCIO pertaining to "Bluestone" from 2019 to 2022)

William Fernandes
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Dear William Fernandes:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) appeal dated July 19, 2022, and the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy appeal remand letter dated August 4, 2022, received by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), FOIA/PA Unit, seeking access to information regarding the above subject.

After reviewing your request for contract records, we conducted a search for responsive records pertaining to the above subject. To search for responsive records, we queried the DEA Financial Management and Information System Divisions. As a result of our query, we were unable to identify records pertaining to the subject of your request.

Be advised that under the FOIA, agencies are not required to conduct a search for records not in the control and custody of that agency. It appears that you are seeking records that would most likely be maintained by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), under the Federal Systems Integration and Management Center. As such, you may wish to submit your request directly to GSA at <https://www.gsa.gov/reference/freedom-of-information-act-foia>. No further action will be taken by DEA on this matter and your request will be administratively closed.

The rules and regulations of the DEA applicable to FOIA/PA requests are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Part 16, as amended. They are published in the Federal Register available to the public (see <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-16>).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at (571) 776-2300 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may 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, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with DEA's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (571) 776-2300.

Sincerely,

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