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Ref: 18-F-0903

Ms. Akila Radhakrishnan
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New York, NY 1005

Dear Ms. Radhakrishnan:

This is the final response to your April 16, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. Your request was received on April 30, 2018 and assigned FOIA case number 18-F-0903. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

According to the FOIA's legislative history, a description of records requested is sufficient if it enables a professional employee of the agency who is familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. Courts have also stated that a request is reasonably described if the agency is able to determine "precisely" what records are being requested. The "reasonably described" requirement exists because the FOIA was not intended to reduce government agencies to full-time investigators on behalf of requesters. As such, it is the requester's responsibility to frame requests with sufficient particularity to ensure that searches are not unreasonably burdensome, and to enable the searching agency to determine precisely what records are being sought.

Based upon the information provided in your request, we are unable to identify a nexus between OSD/JS and the information you are requesting. This FOIA office only processes requests for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Joint Staff (JS). There is no central FOIA processing point for records for the entire Department of Defense (DoD). FOIA processing is decentralized and delegated to those officials of the Military Departments and various DoD Components who generate and/or maintain the records being sought or reviewed.

Further, our office does not maintain a central database of contracts by contractor number. The Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG) is the current central repository of information on Federal contracting. The system contains detailed information on contract actions over \$3,000. The system can identify who bought what, from whom, for how much, when and where. FPDS offers public users unprecedented access to the spending patterns of the Federal government - at no cost. Once you register at www.fpds.gov, you will have access to all actions that have been submitted to FPDS-NG from across the Federal government.

Upon receiving the information from the FPDS-NG, if you wish to submit a request for a particular contract, please include the contract number in your request. Please keep in mind

when submitting your request that this office only processes FOIA requests for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:


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

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, 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 use the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or 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 case number 18-F-0903 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact, the Action Officer assigned to your request, Irina Tsiklik at Irina.Tsiklik.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0465.

Sincerely,



 Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosure:
As stated