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U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement

September 6, 2023

Ms. Jacqueline Stevens  
601 University Place, 2d floor  
Political Science Department  
Evanston, IL 60208

**RE: Stevens v. ICE 20-cv-2725**  
**ICE FOIA Case Number 2020-ICLI-00042**  
**Supplemental Release**

Dear Ms. Stevens:

This letter is a supplemental response to your client's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Your client seeks records relating to the following Freedom of Information Act requests: 2018-ICFO-56530, 2020-ICFO-18634, 2019-ICFO-33429, 2019-ICFO-29171, 2018-ICFO-59138, and 2019-ICFO-24680. ICE has considered your request under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

For this production, ICE is making a discretionary re-release of 199 pages of records. ICE has reviewed the pages and determined that 77 pages will be released in full and portions of the remaining 122 pages will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(E) as described below. The pages will retain their original Bates numbers.

**FOIA Exemption 4** protects trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. This exemption covers two categories of information in federal agency records: (1) trade secrets; and (2) information that is commercial or financial, obtained from a person (which may include corporations or state governments), and privileged or confidential, which is both customarily and actually treated as private by the submitter of the information. *See Food Marketing Institute v. Argus Leader Media*, 139 S. Ct. 2356, 2362-63 (2019). I have reviewed the responsive documents, the submitter's objections to release, and relevant case law, and I have determined that portions of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under subsection (b)(4) of the FOIA and must be withheld in order to protect the submitter's proprietary interests.

ICE has applied FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C) to protect from disclosure the personally identifiable information of DHS employees and third parties contained within the records.

**FOIA Exemption 6** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy

interests of the non-public-facing individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

**FOIA Exemption 7(C)** protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, investigators, or individuals performing their official duties in connection with a law enforcement agency, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity or becoming targets for revenge by begrudged individuals. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of the non-public-facing individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

**FOIA Exemption 7(E)** protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. I have determined that disclosure of certain law enforcement sensitive information contained within the responsive records could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Additionally, the techniques and procedures at issue are not well known to the public.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Alex Hartzler at [Alex.Hartzler@usdoj.gov](mailto:Alex.Hartzler@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

Marcus K. Francis Sr.  
Supervisory Paralegal Specialist

Enclosure: 199 pages

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT 1 CONTRACT ID CODE PAGE OF PAGES  
 1 2

2 AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO 3 EFFECTIVE DATE 4 REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ NO 5 PROJECT NO (if applicable)  
 P00003 See Block 16C PRO-16-L004

6 ISSUED BY CODE ICE/DM/DC-LAGUNA 7 ADMINISTERED BY (if other than item 6) CODE ICE/DM/DC-LAGUNA

ICE/Detent Mngt/Detent Contract-LAG Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Acquisition Management 24000 Avila Road, (b)(6) Attn: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Laguna Niguel CA 92677  
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8 NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No. street, county, State and ZIP Code)  
 GEO GROUP INC THE 621 NW 53RD ST (b)(6) BOCA RATON FL 33487B242

9A AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO  
 9B DATED (SEE ITEM 11)  
 X 10A MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT ORDER NO NSCEDM-15-D-00015  
 10B DATED (SEE ITEM 13) 09/24/2015

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers  is extended  is not extended  
 Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 9 and 10, and returning copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12 ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (if required)  
 NA

13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

REFERENCE  
 A THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO IN ITEM 10A  
 B THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b)  
 C THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF  
 D OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)  
 X FAR 43.103 (a), Bilateral

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor  is not.  is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office

14 DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible)  
 DUNS Number: 612706465

COR POC: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) e-mail address, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@ice.dhs.gov  
 Alternate POC: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) email address, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@ice.dhs.gov  
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The purpose of this modification is to incorporate in the contract FAR clause 52.204-15 - Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contract (Jan 2014).

Continued ...  
 Except as provided herein, the signature of the contractor shall be in accordance with Item 9A or 10  
 15A NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) AMBER D. MARTIN (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Area and office (Type or print)  
 Executive VP Contract Administration  
 15B CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR The Geo Group, Inc. 15C DATE SIGNED 1-6-16 15D DATE SIGNED 1-7-16  
 (Signature of person authorized to sign)  
 NSN 7540-01-152-8070 Provided by GSA FAR (48 CFR) 53.243  
 Previous edition unusable BOARD FORM 30 (REV 10-83)