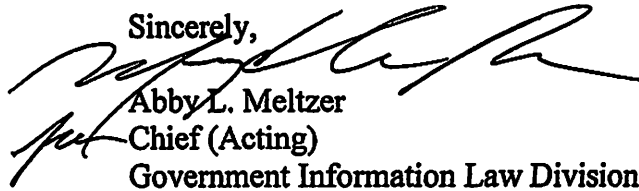


Sincerely,



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**U.S. Immigration
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October 28, 2013

Prof. Jacqueline Stevens
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RE: OPLA14- 971, 2013FOIA07484

Dear Prof. Stevens:

This is in response to your letter dated September 25, 2013 appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) requesting private contracts and Intergovernmental Services Agreements for San Bernadino County, California, including but not limited to the contracts for work performed in and with the city of Adelanto, which is in San Bernadino County, California, for the work performed since January 1, 2008.

ICE FOIA tasked ICE's Office of Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO) and Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) with a search for records that would be responsive to your request. OAM responded with 235 pages of records related to your request. ICE FOIA withheld portions of the 235 pages pursuant to Exemptions (b)(4), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. The justifications for the application of these exemptions to the records were provided in the ICE FOIA letter dated September 12, 2013. You have appealed the withholding determinations made by ICE FOIA and the adequacy of the search. Upon review of the basis for your appeal and the administrative record, ICE has determined the following.

In response to ICE FOIA's letter you challenge the (b)(4) redactions and mention that ICE has withheld substantial portions of the requested contract, that the initial signed contract by Adelanto City and all contract attachments and required documentation are missing as well as a "task order" referenced in PRO-13-L086. Upon a complete review of the information withheld as a result of the initial determination of your FOIA request by the ICE FOIA Office, we have determined that there could potentially be additional information that may be released to you. In addition, ICE has also determined that it is likely that additional responsive records may be found in locations the agency has not yet searched. We are therefore remanding your appeal to ICE FOIA for processing and re-tasking to the appropriate agency/office(s) to obtain any responsive documents.

Should you have any questions regarding this appeal remand, please contact ICE at ice-foia@dhs.gov. In the subject line of the email please include the word "appeal", your appeal number, which is **OPLA14-971**, and the FOIA case number, which is **2013FOIA07484**.