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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.

Sincerely,

Marcus K. Francis Sr.
Supervisory Paralegal Specialist

Enclosure: 199 pages

ORDER FOR SUPPLIES OR SERVICES
SCHEDULE - CONTINUATION

IMPORTANT: Mark all packages and papers with contract and/or order numbers.

DATE OF ORDER 09/02/2016	CONTRACT NO. HSCEDM-11-D-00003	ORDER NO. HSCEDM-16-J-00042
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ITEM NO. (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY ORDERED (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)	QUANTITY ACCEPTED (g)
	<p>submitted in a ".pdf" format in accordance with the contract terms and conditions [Contract Specialist and Contracting Officer to disclose if on a monthly basis or other agreed to terms"] via email, United States Postal Service (USPS) or facsimile as follows:</p> <p>a) Email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice.Consolidation@ice.dhs.gov • Contracting Officer Representative (COR) or Government Point of Contact (GPOC) • Contract Specialist/Contracting Officer <p>Each email shall contain only (1) invoice and the invoice number shall be indicated on the subject line of the email.</p> <p>b) USPS:</p> <p>DHS, ICE Financial Operations - Burlington P.O. Box 1620 Williston, VT 05495-1620</p> <p>ATTN: ICE-ERO/FOD-FDN</p> <p>The Contractors Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number must be registered and active in the System for Award Management (SAM) at https://www.sam.gov prior to award and shall be notated on every invoice submitted to ensure prompt payment provisions are met. The ICE program office identified in the task order/contract shall also be notated on every invoice.</p> <p>c) Facsimile:</p> <p>Alternative Invoices shall be submitted to: (802)-288-7658</p> <p>Submissions by facsimile shall include a cover sheet, point of contact and the number of total pages. Continued ...</p>					

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	<p>payment offered;</p> <p>(viii). Remit to Address;</p> <p>(ix). Name, title, and phone number of person to resolve invoicing issues;</p> <p>(x). ICE program office designated on order/contract/agreement and</p> <p>(xi). Mark invoice as "Interim" (Ongoing performance and additional billing expected) and "Final" (performance complete and no additional billing)</p> <p>(xii). Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) banking information in accordance with 52.232-33 Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - System for Award Management or 52-232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - Other than System for Award Management.</p> <p>3. Invoice Supporting Documentation. To ensure payment, the vendor must submit supporting documentation which provides substantiation for the invoiced costs to the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) or Point of Contact (POC) identified in the contract. Invoice charges must align with the contract CLINs. Supporting documentation is required when guaranteed minimums are exceeded and when allowable costs are incurred. Details are as follows:</p> <p>(i). Guaranteed Minimums. If a guaranteed minimum is not exceeded on a CLIN(s) for the invoice period, no supporting documentation is required. When a guaranteed minimum is exceeded on a CLIN (s) for the invoice period, the Contractor is required to submit invoice supporting documentation for all detention services provided during the invoice period which provides the information described below: Continued ...</p>					
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