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To: Zhou@epic.org



April 13, 2018

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: Zhou@epic.org

Enid Zhou
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RE: NPPD Case Number 2018-NPFO-00373

Dear Ms. Zhou:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) dated April 13, 2018, and to your request for expedited treatment and a waiver of all assessable FOIA fees. Your request was received in this office on April 13, 2018. Specifically, you requested the required Privacy Impact Assessment conducted for the April 3, 2018 solicitation for "Media Monitoring Services"; any associated agency records including but not limited to policy guidelines, memoranda, email communications, and Privacy Threshold Analysis related to "Media Monitoring Services"; all awarded contracts for "Media Monitoring Services".

Your request for expedited treatment is hereby granted.

As it pertains to your request for a fee waiver, NPPD evaluates fee waiver requests under the legal standard set forth above and the fee waiver policy guidance issued by the Department of Justice on April 2, 1987, as incorporated into the Department of Homeland Security's Freedom of Information Act regulations. These regulations set forth six factors to examine in determining whether the applicable legal standard for fee waiver has been met. I have considered the following factors in my evaluation of your request for a fee waiver:

- (1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government";
- (2) Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities;
- (3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor or a narrow segment of interested persons;
- (4) Whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant";
- (5) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and
- (6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor.

Upon review of your request and a careful consideration of the factors listed above, I have determined to grant your request for a fee waiver.

NPPD has queried the appropriate program offices within NPPD for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, please contact FOIA office. You may send an e-mail to NPPD.FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV, call free 703-235-2211, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, 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.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2018-NPFO-00373**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. To check the status of an NPPD FOIA/PA request, please visit <http://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>. Please note that to check the status of a request, you must enter the 2018-NPFO-XXXXX tracking number.

Sincerely,

NPPD FOIA

