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CERTIFIED MAIL

June 16, 2015

Ms. Miriam Israel Mosesq
Rebound, A Building Trades Organization
2800 First Avenue, Suite 216
Seattle, Washington 98121

Dear Ms. Mosesq:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2015-01278)

This letter is in response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 6, 2015, requesting information regarding the revision to the scope of work established for the Group 3 Laborers in 2012. Specifically you requested the following documents as re-stated below:

1. The letter[s] from the contractor requesting the revision.
2. The request[s] from the DOE Project Manager to the USDOL requesting the revision or “conformance” with respect to the Scope of Work established for Laborers at Hanford.
3. Any forms required under that were filled out or prepared by Contractor[s] such as the SF-1444, Request for Authorization of Additional Classification and Rate inclusive of Block 16 with Employees signatures consenting to the conformance [redactions noted if necessary.
4. Any statements or letters in support of the conformance and/or objecting to it.
5. Any copies of the SF-1444 signed by Project Manager[s] with respect to a request for a “Wage Conformance.”
6. Any statements or letters submitted by the Project Manager supporting or disagreeing with the Wage Conformance/Scope Change request.
7. All emails or other correspondence related to this Scope revision, inclusive of any notes reflecting who was considered to be an “interested party,” for the purposes of informing those affected by the adoption of the requested Scope revisions.
8. Any documents (and notes) sent to the DOL in the DOE’s possession (or vice-versa) regarding the revisions to the Scope of Work.
9. A list of the data and criteria that was reviewed for accuracy and validation prior to the adoption of this Scope of Work revision by the DOL.
10. Any and all notes taken by the DOE and/or the DOL regarding the steps taken to verify the data that would have been reviewed to adopt this revision and the results of that verification.

11. Any and all notes of meetings and/or telephone conversations between any of the parties affected by this revision. This would include the AFL-CIO, the Laborers International, the UA Plumbers and Pipefitters International, the Project Manager, the DOE and the DOL.

In an electronic mail message dated May 6, 2015, you provided clarification for items 7 through 9. We conducted a thorough search and no documents were located. This search was conducted by those within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request, in locations where documents would most likely be found. Specifically we searched the files belonging to Bechtel National, Inc., and RL's Office of Contractor Industrial Relations.

The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for the adequacy of our search. Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615, and shall be filed within 30 days after receipt of this letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide this office with a copy of your letter.

For purposes of assessment of fees, you have been categorized under 10 CFR 1004.9(b)(4) as an "other" requester. In this category, you are entitled to two hours of search time and 100 pages at no cost. In an electronic mail message dated May 7, 2015, you agreed to pay up to \$5,000.00 for the processing of your request. Costs incurred for your request are as follows:

Search time – 2 hours @ \$51.99/hour (no charge)
Search time 10 hours @ \$47.16/hour

Your check of \$471.60 should be made payable to the U.S. Department of Energy and forwarded to my attention at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,
-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
and External Affairs

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