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U.S. Department of Energy
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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Prime Contract No.: DE-AC27-08RV14800
Prime Contract Name: Tank Operations Contract
Location: Department of Energy – Hanford Nuclear Reservation
Prime Contractor: Washington River Protection Solutions
RFP: 276704
Project: 241 AP Exhauster System Installation Phase II
Subcontractor: Federal Engineers & Constructors
Lower Tier Sub: Total Energy Management

Dear FOIA Officer:

Torres Consulting and Law Group, LLC (TCLG) submits this FOIA Request on behalf of the United Association of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders, and HVAC Service Techs, a recognized 501(c)(5) non-profit organization. Accordingly, we respectfully request a waiver of all search, printing, and duplication costs (please see attached fee waiver justification). A fee waiver is appropriate when disclosing the information requested “is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester” (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(a)(iii)).

To achieve the goals promulgated under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA), an analysis of the pertinent project information, including contract information and certified payrolls, is performed to ensure that compliance with DBRA is mandated and enforced.

TCLG formally requests the following information:

- Subcontractors Statement and Acknowledgment (SF-1413) for all **mechanical contractors**,
- Designated Wage Determination **incorporated** into the contract,
- All certified payrolls related to **any and all plumber/pipefitter work**, including but not limited to, rate of pay, worker classification, fringe benefits paid, hour’s worked, etc., covering work performed **from start of construction to present**,
- Contractor Fringe Benefit Statement,

- A copy of the Apprenticeship Standards for the bona fide apprenticeship programs in which an apprentice may be registered, as well as, evidence of the formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor (“DOL”) for the plumber/pipefitter work, and
- Employee interviews DOE conducted while observing the plumber/pipefitter work.

TCLG strongly believes that a fee waiver is appropriate for this specific Request. Disclosure of the requested information would enable the public to evaluate the wisdom and efficiency of federal programs and expenditures as well as the contractor and subcontractor’s compliance with federal laws. However, if there is an assessment of fees for the processing of this Request, please inform me prior to fees being incurred. Please send all requested information by email or to our office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of this Request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure - *Fee Waiver*