



**Department of Energy**  
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September 29, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Jon Hall  
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Dear Mr. Hall:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2017-01673)

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to this office requesting “a copy of the contract used to purchase/lease your current copier equipment. Also, I would like to obtain the PO or document signed which initiated this current agreement along with the last six months of invoices supporting this contract.”

Your request was assigned to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL) Procurement Division and its contractor, Mission Support Alliance, Inc., (MSA) to conduct a search for any responsive documents.

According to the DOE contract with MSA, records relating to any procurement action by a Contractor are the property of the Contractor, with the exception of records that fall under 48 CFR 970.5232-3, Accounts, Records, and Inspections, and are described as the property of the Government. The documents you have requested relate to a subcontract with MSA. Accordingly, the documents do not fall under 48 CFR 970.5232-3 and are not subject to the provisions of the FOIA.

We have conducted a thorough search for any records in the possession of the Government and were unable to locate any. This search was conducted in locations where the documents would most likely be found, by those within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request. Specifically, we searched the files belonging to the RL Procurement Division.

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 this determination. Should you choose to exercise this right, your appeal must be filed within 90 days after receipt of this letter. You may submit your appeal by email to [OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov), including the phrase “Freedom of Information Appeal” in the subject line. Alternatively, any such appeal may 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. Should you choose to appeal, please provide my office with a copy of your appeal.

You may contact the RL FOIA Public Liaison, Richard Buel, at (509) 376-3375, or by mail at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352 for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

As previously provided to you in our letter dated August 28, 2017, for the purpose of assessment of fees, you have been categorized under the U.S Department of Energy (DOE) regulation at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations CFR 1004.9(b)(1) as a “commercial” requester. Requesters in this category are charged fees for all reasonable search, review and duplication costs. However, since costs associated with your request were minimal and fell under the \$15.00 threshold for charging fees under the FOIA, there are no fees associated with your request at this time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address provided on page 1 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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