

# **Exhibit B**



**DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY**  
8725 JOHN J. KINGMAN ROAD, STOP 6201  
FORT BELVOIR, VA 22060-6201

October 2, 2021

Sharon Lerner  
The Intercept  
114 5th Ave  
New York, NY 10011

Re: FOIA Case No.: 22-003

Dear Ms. Lerner:

This letter is to acknowledge that the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 25, 2021. You are requesting a copy of grant proposals, including continuations, for and any and all Progress Reports related to the following grants:

1. HDTRA11710064 - Understanding the Risk of Bat-Borne Zoonotic Disease Emergence in Western Asia, Ecohealth Alliance Inc. (2017) \$782,330
2. HDTRA11710064 - Understanding the Risk of Bat-Borne Zoonotic Disease Emergence in Western Asia, Ecohealth Alliance Inc. (2018) \$1,101,959
3. HDTRA11710064 - Understanding the Risk of Bat-Borne Zoonotic Disease Emergence in Western Asia, Ecohealth Alliance Inc. (2018) \$1,101,958
4. HDTRA11710064 - Understanding the Risk of Bat-Borne Zoonotic Disease Emergence in Western Asia, Ecohealth Alliance Inc. (2019) \$997,624
5. HDTRA11710064 - Understanding the Risk of Bat-Borne Zoonotic Disease Emergence in Western Asia, Ecohealth Alliance Inc. (2019) \$997,623
6. HDTRA11710064 - Understanding the Risk of Bat-Borne Zoonotic Disease Emergence in Western Asia, Ecohealth Alliance Inc. (2020) \$1,509,531.

Your FOIA request was perfected on September 30 2021. For tracking purposes, your case number is 22-003.

We will make every effort to respond to your request in a timely matter; however, the processing of your request may exceed this dependent upon the volume of the responsive documents and the complexity of the processing.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, DTRA has adjusted its normal operations to balance the need of completion the mission as effectively and efficiently as possible while also adhering to the recommended social distancing for the safety of our staff. As a result, you may experience a delay I receiving substantive response to your FOIA request or appeal. You may contact the DTRA FOIA Public Liaison is Mario Vizcarra, who may be contacted by phone at (703) 767-1792 and email at [dtrafoiaprivacy@mail.mil](mailto:dtrafoiaprivacy@mail.mil).

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Eugene McGirt at 703-767-5162, or email [dtra.belvoir.it.mbx.foia-privacy@mail.mil](mailto:dtra.belvoir.it.mbx.foia-privacy@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

*Eugene McGirt*

Eugene McGirt  
FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office