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Via DoD FOIA PAL Portal

Department of Defense Chief FOIA Officer
Defense Freedom of Information Division
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Washington, DC 20301-1155

Subj: FOIA Request; Contracting Officer's Assessment of Conflicts described in GAO Decision in re. Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) Cloud Procurement

Dear Sir/Madam:

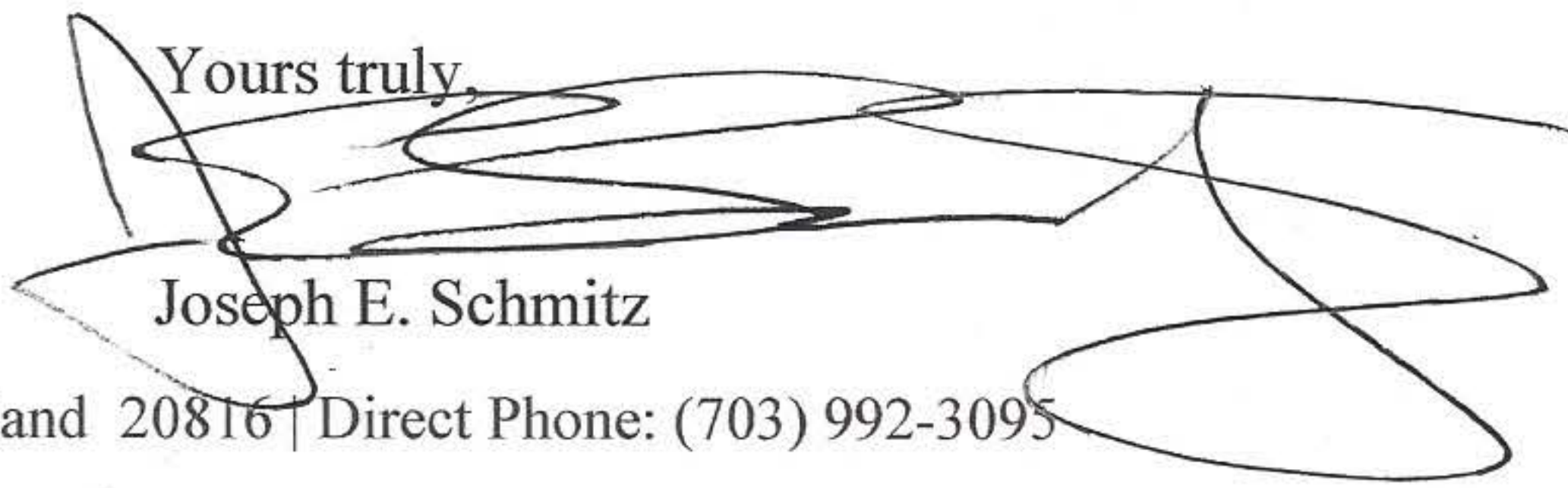
Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request production of all documents, including but not limited to e-mail correspondence, including the "Contracting Officer's Assessment of No Impact Under [FAR §] 3.104-7," relating to the Department of Defense's Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) Cloud Procurement. The November 14, 2018, GAO Decision posted at <https://www.gao.gov/assets/b-416657%2Cb-416657.2%2Cb-416657.3%2Cb-416657.4.pdf> (on page 7) references a conflicts review and a Memorandum for Record ("MFR"): "On July 23, [2018], in the context of considering potential conflicts of interest, the contracting officer signed an MFR titled, 'Contracting Officer's Assessment of No Impact Under [FAR §] 3.104-7'." Specifically, I am requesting: (1) the MFR; (2) any drafts of the MFR; (3) any and all notes taken by the contracting office, and any interview transcripts or summaries, related to the MFR; and (4) any and all documents reviewed or cited by the contracting officer in connection with the review, aka "Contracting Officer's Assessment."

The time period of this FOIA request is from March 2017 through August 2018.

While any documents responsive to this request should be produced in its/their entirety, I recognize that some related documents may remain restricted. In that regard, if any of the requested information is withheld, please: (a) identify that information, describe the basis for it being withheld, and explain any specific statutory exemptions that you think justify (or justifies) any such withholding of information; and (b) release any "reasonably segregable portions." DoD 5400, "Freedom of Information Act Program," C5.2.4. I agree to pay any and all reasonable copying charges associated with this request. If such charges are likely to exceed \$25, please contact the undersigned in advance of incurring such charges.

Pursuant to Department of Justice FOIA [guidance](#), the undersigned hereby requests a waiver of fees on grounds this request "is in the Public Interest Because it is Likely to Contribute Significantly to Public Understanding of the Operations or Activities of the Government," and is not in the commercial interest of the requester. In this regard, the undersigned is the former Inspector General of the Department of Defense and publishes a regular Newsmax blog under the title "Support and Defend" (<http://www.newsmax.com/Blogs/JosephESchmitz/id-164/>).

Yours truly,


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