

EXHIBIT B

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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: RBENINCASA@NPR.ORG

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Re: **FEMA 2014-FEFO-00936 Final Response**

Dear Mr. Benincasa:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated and received by this office on September 9, 2014. You requested copies of electronic database tables containing data associated with property acquisitions under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to include specific information such as the addresses of the properties acquired, the sellers' names, the amount paid for the property and the GIS coordinates of the properties. You also requested any documentation or meta-data associated with any and all data tables related to the dataset to include but not be limited to any coding manuals, record layouts, relational models and data dictionaries, including all references to any fields withheld by FEMA in response this request.

We conducted a comprehensive search of FEMA's Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA) for documents responsive to your request. The search produced a total of 66 pages responsive to your request for any documentation or meta-data associated with any and all data tables related to the dataset containing information on property acquisition under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. After carefully reviewing the responsive documents pursuant to the FOIA, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and DHS' implementing regulations, 6 C.F.R. Chapter I and Part 5, we have determined the documents are appropriate for release. They are enclosed in their entirety; no deletions or exemptions have been claimed.

In response to your request for copies of electronic database tables associated with property acquisitions under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, you may access that information online at: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/85455>. Please note that specific information such as the addresses, the sellers' names, and the GIS coordinates are being withheld pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

Robert Benincasa
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FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure of personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test. Please note that addresses of acquired properties, seller's names and GIS coordinates of the properties are exempt from release as stated above.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter to the subsequent address: OCAO/Records Management Division (FOIA Appeals), FEMA, 500 C Street SW, Seventh Floor, Mail Stop 3172, Washington, DC 20472-3172, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because of the delay in responding to your request, we are waiving any fees associated with the processing of it.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, you may contact this office at (202) 646-3323 or electronically at FEMA-FOIA@fema.dhs.gov and refer to **FEMA 2015-FEFO-00936**.

Sincerely,

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