

Exhibit 7



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Dear Ms. Dixon:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 24, 2016, seeking documents relating to grant awards and technical assistance provided to the North Charleston, South Carolina Police Department or other North Charleston city officials.

Due to the need to examine a voluminous amount of records, your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Because of these unusual circumstances, we are extending the time limit to respond to your request for ten additional days. The time needed to process your request will necessarily depend on the volume and complexity of the records to be reviewed. To allow us to respond more quickly to you, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing.

At this time, we have identified 58 pages of documents responsive to your request item 1 of your request. I have determined that 44 pages are appropriate for release without removals and a copy is enclosed. Also enclosed are 14 pages which are appropriate for release with removals made pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) and (b)(4) of the FOIA. Exemption 6 (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6)) pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. The email addresses relating to a third party have been removed on the basis of FOIA Exemption 6. Exemption 4 (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4)) pertains to commercial or financial information that is obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. None of the information being withheld is appropriate for discretionary disclosure.

We are continuing to review documents which may be responsive to items 2-5 of your request. We anticipate a final response by October 9, 2017.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison Melissa Fiere-Fetrow at 202-514-1873 for any further assistance and 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, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-616-0825. If you would like further information about the COPS Office, please visit our Internet site at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>.

Sincerely,



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