

Exhibit C



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Requester:

RE: Copies of all contracts between the U.S. Department of State and persons/entities as stated in the request

This is in response to your request dated Mar. 7th, which was received on Mar. 7th. We have assigned Case Control Number F-2018-01743 to your request.

Based on our review of your correspondence, we have determined that we cannot process your request for the following reason(s):

- You have not reasonably described the records you seek in a way that someone familiar with Department records and programs could locate them. Contract numbers
- You have not provided identifying information (such as your date and/or place of birth, or the date and/or place of birth for all parties associated with your request; citizenship status for all parties associated with your request).
- You have not provided proof of your identity (see attached information sheet pertaining to certification of identity).
- Some or all of the records you have requested do not appear to be State Department records (other agency information may be enclosed).
- The records you seek are in the public domain.
- Your request is not dated.
- You have submitted your identifying information on forms that were not issued by the State Department, which we do not accept.
- You have not agreed to pay the fees associated with the processing of your request.
- Your request is not a FOIA Request.
- Your request was not submitted in English.

Accordingly, your request is invalid and your case has been closed.

- Please see the enclosed information sheet pertaining to access to third party information.
- Please see the enclosed information sheet pertaining to custodial verification.

Should you want to contact us, you may call our FOIA Requester Service Center on (202) 261-8484 or send an email to FOIAstatus@state.gov. If you want information concerning how to file a request, please refer to the Information Access Guide which is available at www.foia.state.gov. Please refer to the Case Control Number in any communication.

Sincerely,

Requester Communications Branch
Office of Information Programs & Services

Requests for Contracts

Contract Number: In accordance with our regulations at 22 C.F.R. § 171.4(b), a request must “reasonably describe the Department records that are sought.” In general, in response to FOIA requests for contract information, the Department can search by contract number, solicitation number or requisition number. In order to better serve our requesters, it is important that they provide us with specific contract and solicitation numbers. To assist with this, online research capability is available to you using Federal Business Opportunities (www.FBO.gov) or the Federal Procurement Data System (www.fpds.gov). Using the websites, you can locate archived awards (in some cases of solicitations the archive only retains postings for six years).

In addition, please be aware that locating a contract number in the database does not guarantee having immediate access to the contract and supporting documentation. Pursuant to Part 4.805 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, which pertains to storage, handling and disposal of contract files, the Department is not federally mandated to retain original, signed documents for more than 6 years and 3 months after final payment. Therefore, those documents that are older may be housed in one of the Department’s storage facilities.

Expedited Processing: Due to the fact that we cannot begin processing your request at this time, we will not address whether your request would be entitled to expedited processing. If you wish to pursue this request, you may ask for expedited treatment when you send us a new request, and supply the additional information necessary to make your request valid.