

# **EXHIBIT K**

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**Subject:** FOIA 2018-000137

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mr. William E Hughes:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) dated 11/15/2018 and received in our office on 11/15/2018. Your FOIA request has been assigned control number SBA-2018-000137, please use this control number when referencing your request.

In your FOIA request, you asked for the "... waiver for the non-manufacturer rule issued for Solicitation SPM8EH16R0001, Fire and Emergency Services, and the documents relied on by SBA in approving the waiver."

During the search SBA did not locate the records you requested. This response is provided to you without charge because our cost of processing your FOIA request was less than \$25. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal this decision to the Chief, Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third St., SW, Washington, DC 20416. You must submit an appeal within 90 calendar days of the date of the notice of denial. Your appeal should contain a copy of this correspondence, a description of the information requested in addition to what was denied, the name and title of the SBA official or employee who denied the request, the reason for the denial, and any other facts you deem appropriate.

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Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the SBA's FOI/PA Officer. Thank you for your interest in the Small Business Administration.

Sincerely,

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