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Subj: Your FOIA Request 2026-NavyFOIA-010641

Dear: [REDACTED]:

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), assigned tracking number 2026-NavyFOIA-010641, dated July 22, 2026, for a copy of the Justification and Approval (J&A) for other than full and open competition, or any limited-source or sole-source justification, supporting the contract awarded in or around April 2025 by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division to Accurate Energetic Systems, LLC (McEwen, Tennessee) for the item described in the statement of work as "demolition charge, AP, extra small mini," together with the purchase request or requirements document stating the operational requirement the procurement supported. Your request is granted in part and denied in part.

In response to your request, we conducted the following search: A search of the electronic contract files located within the cognizant Contracts Department was conducted using the contract number N0016425PJ538 as the key search term. As a result of this search, one (1) responsive document, of a total of 4 pages, is provided as responsive. Of this document, 4 pages are provided with redactions pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) - FOIA Exemption (b)(3)(B): This protects information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (10 U.S.C. § 130).
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) - FOIA Exemption (b)(4): This protects trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information.
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) - FOIA Exemption (b)(6): This protects personnel files where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(F) - FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(F): This protects information that could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.

My review included consideration of the "foreseeable harm standard." Pursuant to the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, NSWC Crane has determined that releasing the identities of unsuccessful bidders and internal estimates would cause substantial competitive harm by revealing confidential market research. Additionally, linking this specific specialized explosive procurement to specific tactical program identifiers reveals operational capabilities that could reasonably be expected to endanger the physical safety of military personnel executing these missions.

All reasonably segregable, non-exempt information has been released.

In accordance with Navy policy, all fees have been waived.

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. If you have any questions, please contact me at allen.e.sebastian.civ@us.navy.mil.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received (i.e., post-marked if by mail, sent if by email, submitted if through the Internet) within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appellate authority (see below) the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- a copy of your initial request;
- a copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide me with a copy of your appeal letter via email or mailing to Commander Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522. There are three ways to file an appeal:

1. Through the Internet. Use the public portal of the SecureRelease (the Department of the Navy's FOIA processing system). Go to <https://www.securerelease.us>.
2. By email. The Department of the Navy Office of General Counsel (DON OGC) can be reached at foiacases@us.navy.mil.
3. By mail. Address your appeal to:
Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator, Mrs. Jamie McGarvey at jamie.r.mcgarvey.civ@us.navy.mil or 812-381-3571. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka.civ@us.navy.mil, (703) 697-0031.

In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/mediation-program>.

Sincerely,

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