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FOIA number and due date are below:

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To: Sharon Lighton, FOIA Officer, General Services Administration

Dear Ms. Lighton:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, for access to and copies of the following records:

1) Updates to the FY 2004 "Awards" and "IDV" tables from FPDS-NG. These tables were released by the contractor in January 2005 and have been subject to many revisions, including \$10 billion in NASA spending and similar adjustments. The contractor has not agreed to release these updates in database form, although it exists in its database in an extractable form using an existing program.

2) The "lookup tables", in electronic form, that are required to interpret the data released by FPDS-NG in its xml downloads. These tables should include, but not be limited to, translations of a) Product and Service Codes (PSC); b) Office Codes within agencies, including the full name and address of the office.

If you regard any of these records as exempt from disclosure under the Act, I hereby request that you exercise your discretion to disclose them nonetheless. If you deny this request in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act, and that you provide all non-exempt portions that are reasonably segregable.

I further request that you disclose the listed databases as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been assembled.

I further request expedited processing of this request for records. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about government contracting because of ongoing appropriations decisions and audits showing contracting irregularities. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am making this request on behalf of The Washington Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The records disclosed pursuant to this request will be used in the preparation of news articles for dissemination to the public. For purposes of FOIA fee assessments, I request that you waive all fees in the public interest. The furnishing of the information sought by this request is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. If, however, you decline to waive all fees, I am prepared to pay your normal fees for news media requesters. Please notify me if you expect the processing fees to exceed \$100.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or e-mail, rather than mail, if you have questions regarding this request. As the FOIA requires, I look forward to your response within the twenty (20) working days. If the contractor makes these available to the public in general before this date, I would consider this request fulfilled.

Sincerely,

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