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Mr. John M. Palatiello
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Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2018-000571

Dear Mr. Palatiello:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received by our office on 01/16/2018, in which you requested:

A copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me: Any documents that identify the prime (Dewberry, Fugro Geospatial, Quantum Spatial, Tetra Tech, Woolpert) contractors and subcontractors (all members of the teams in support of the prime contractors) to the NOAA Office for Coastal Management in Charleston, South Carolina (with contracting officer services provided by NOAA's Eastern Acquisition Division in Norfolk, Virginia), under the Coastal Geospatial Services Contract Vehicle, including but not limited contracts awarded pursuant to Solicitation Number: NCNP0000-15-00223 and/or awarded pursuant to Contract Award Number: EA-133C-16-CQ-0042-0046. Specifically, I am requesting documents to identify the firm, primary individual point(s) of contact, address, telephone and email for each prime and subcontractor on these contracts known to NOAA.

You can retrieve these public records via the www.sam.gov website. You should conduct a search for the awardee names (ie., Dewberry, Fugro Geospatial, Quantum Spatial, Tetra Tech, Woolpert) as listed in your request.

- Type in the business entity in the Quick Search field and click Search
- Once the result screen appears, click the View Details button for the business entity you want
- On the Entity Dashboard screen, click the POC selection located on the left side of the screen
- Scroll down to Mandatory Points of Contact section to see the list of primary contacts for the business entity

Under the Mandatory Points of Contact section, you will find the primary contacts listed for the business entity including their full name, phone number(s) and address. Please note that NOAA does not keep track of sub-contractors, only Prime contractors.

Although this is not a denial of your FOIA request you may appeal this determination. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why you believe the FOIA response was not satisfactory. An appeal based on documents in this release must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter at the following address:

Assistant General Counsel for Litigation, Employment, and Oversight
U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of General Counsel
Room 5875
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20230

An appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov, or by FOIAonline at https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home#.

For your appeal to be complete, it must include the following items:

- a copy of the original request,
- our response to your request,
- a statement explaining why the withheld records should be made available, and why the denial of the records was in error.
- "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" must appear on your appeal letter. It should also be written on your envelope, or e-mail subject line.

FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, FOIAonline, or Office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely.

FOIA grants requesters the right to challenge an agency's final action in federal court. Before doing so, an adjudication of an administrative appeal is ordinarily required.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), an office created within the National Archives and Records Administration, offers free mediation services to FOIA requesters. They may be contacted in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov

Phone: 301-837-1996
Fax: 301-837-0348
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Shem Yusuf at shem.s.yusuf@noaa.gov or the NOAA FOIA Public Liaison Robert Swisher at (301) 628-5755.

Sincerely,

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NOAA FOIA Office