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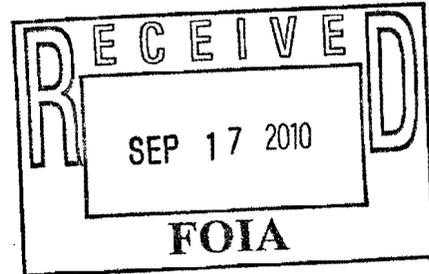
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Mr. Howard G. Price
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RE: L&D Drycleaning d/b/a Premier contract with USDA "laundry services"

Dear Mr. Price:

I am writing on behalf of my clients L&D Drycleaning d/b/a Premier and owners Annette McClintock and Tim McClintock.

First of all, it has been brought to my clients' attention that the laundry contract they are currently performing at the USDA site in Ames, Iowa, which terminates September 30, 2010, is going to be awarded to Genesis without any bid process or requests for proposals being issued. It is not clear to me or my clients why the bid process and request for proposal procedure is not being utilized. My clients have been advised by Lori Walsh and Judith Stasko of APHIS and ARS respectively, that they wanted my clients' company to continue to be able to bid on the contract in the future. Please advise why the request for proposal and bid process is not being utilized with regard to the laundry contract involved.

Secondly, I would like to state on behalf of L&D Drycleaning d/b/a Premier and Tim and Annette McClintock that they are extremely disappointed and dismayed at hearing that the contract for laundry services has been granted to another provider without any bid process or opportunity to make a proposal for continued services. Tim and Annette McClintock as owners of L&D Drycleaning d/b/a Premier did not want to lose the contract and certainly wanted to be given the opportunity to make a proposal for the continued relationship with the USDA for the laundry services needed. They certainly hope that they will be given an opportunity, if and when the

need for their laundry services arises in the near or distant future, to bid on any potential laundry project.

Finally, my clients were told by some USDA employees that a company should be contacting L&D Drycleaning d/b/a Premier to review the potential hardship that will result from the loss of this contract. Obviously, there is going to be hardship for L&D Drycleaning d/b/a Premier. They will have to let employees go and most of all, some of these employees are single mothers who will suffer extreme hardship from losing their employment.

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) I would like to ask for and obtain copies of the following documentation which are of public record within 14 days of the date of this letter:

1. The contract which apparently was awarded to "Genesis" following the termination of the contract between USDA and L&D Drycleaning this September 30, 2010.
2. Copies of any documentation of bonuses awarded to any USDA employee, agent or contactor as result of the award and granting of a contract to Genesis.
3. Copies of all applications submitted by Genesis in support of their request for a contract for laundry services with the USDA in Ames, Iowa.
4. Copies of all documentation, letters, correspondence and e-mails which explain and indicate why the bid process and request for proposal procedure is not being utilized and under what authority and rule or regulation this standard process is being ignored in this case.

Please advise as to the cost of obtaining copies of the documents I am requesting and which must be provided pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and I will promptly remit. Please respond within 14 days.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail or telephone.

Sincerely,
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