

# EXHIBIT 1

**SENT VIA: ONLINE PORTAL**

April 6, 2023

Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. AVE SE  
Washington, DC 20528-065

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), 6 CFR Part 5, I respectfully request the following:

1. Memorandum for Neil Kinkopf, Senior Counselor, Office of Legal Counsel, from Neal Swartz, Associate General Counsel for General Law, DHS, *Re: Retaining Private Counsel for a Federal Official Subject to Impeachment Processes* (Oct. 27, 2022).
2. All communications with the Department of Justice relating to *Retaining Private Counsel to Represent the DHS Secretary in Impeachment Processes*, 47 Op. O.L.C. \_\_ (OLC Jan. 4, 2023).
3. All communications external to the Federal Government relating to *Retaining Private Counsel to Represent the DHS Secretary in Impeachment Processes*, 47 Op. O.L.C. \_\_ (OLC Jan. 4, 2023).
4. All communications with Congress relating to *Retaining Private Counsel to Represent the DHS Secretary in Impeachment Processes*, 47 Op. O.L.C. \_\_ (OLC Jan. 4, 2023).
5. All communications with the Office of White House Counsel relating to *Retaining Private Counsel to Represent the DHS Secretary in Impeachment Processes*, 47 Op. O.L.C. \_\_ (OLC Jan. 4, 2023).
6. All records relating to Debevoise & Plimpton and impeachment.
7. All records relating to PIID 70RDAD23C00000002.



8. All records related to the time of public release of *Retaining Private Counsel to Represent the DHS Secretary in Impeachment Processes*, 47 Op. O.L.C. \_\_ (OLC Jan. 4, 2023).

Please limit the search for this request to the following time periods: August 9, 2021 to present. Please include the following Department components in any search: Office of the Secretary, including the Office of the General Counsel.

The terms “pertaining to,” “referring,” “relating,” or “concerning” with respect to any given subject means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject.

The term “record” means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, inter-office and intra-office communications, electronic mail (emails), MMS or SMS text messages, instant messages, messaging systems (such as iMessage, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal, Google Chat, Twitter direct messages, Lync, Slack, and Facebook Messenger), contracts, cables, telexes, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, voicemail, meeting or other communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electronic records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape or otherwise. By definition, a “communication” (as that term is defined herein) is also a “record” if the means of communication is any written, recorded, or

graphic matter of any sort whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy.

The terms “and” and “or” should be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of this request any information which might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The terms “all,” “any,” and “each” should each be construed as encompassing any and all. The singular includes the plural number, and vice versa. The present tense includes the past and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders.

The term “communication” means each manner or means of disclosure or exchange of information (in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries, or otherwise), regardless of means utilized, whether oral, electronic, by document or otherwise, and whether in an in-person meeting, by telephone, facsimile, e-mail (desktop or mobile device), text message, MMS or SMS message, regular mail, telexes, releases, or otherwise.

“Communications with,” “communications from,” and “communications between” means any communication involving the related parties, regardless of whether other persons were involved in the communication, and includes, but is not limited to, communications where one party is cc’d or bcc’d, both parties are cc’d or bcc’d, or some combination thereof.

The term “person” is defined as any natural person or any legal entity, including, without limitation, any business or governmental entity or association, and all subsidiaries, divisions, partnerships, properties, affiliates, branches, groups, special purpose entities, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, or any other entity in which they have or had a controlling interest, and any employee, and any other units thereof.

The term “employee” means a current or former: officer, director, shareholder, partner, member, consultant, senior manager, manager, senior associate, permanent employee, staff employee, attorney, agent (whether de jure, de facto, or apparent without limitation), advisor, representative, attorney (in law or in fact), lobbyist (registered or unregistered), borrowed employee, casual employee, consultant, contractor, de facto employee, independent contractor, joint adventurer, loaned employee, part-time employee, provisional employee, or subcontractor.

The term “Congress” refers to any person (as that term is defined herein) exercising power derived directly or indirectly from Article I of the Constitution.

A record bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate record. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate record within the meaning of this term.

Please consider all members of a document “family” to be responsive to the request if any single “member” of that “family” is responsive, regardless of whether the “family member” in question is “parent” or “child.”

This request for records includes any attachments to those records or other materials enclosed with those records when they were previously transmitted. To the extent that an email is responsive to our request, our request includes all prior messages sent or received in that email chain, as well as any attachments to the email.

In the interest of expediency and to minimize the research and/or duplication burden on your staff, please send records electronically if possible. If this is not possible, please notify me before sending to the mailing address listed below. If access to this request will take longer than twenty business days, please let me know when I might receive records or be able to inspect the requested records. Please produce responsive documents as soon as they become available. In all cases, please communicate with me at the below email address.

Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Accordingly, without limitation to the foregoing, if any portion of this request is denied for any reason, please provide written notice of the records or portions of records that are being withheld and cite each specific exemption of the Freedom of Information Act on which the agency relies. Moreover, to the extent that responsive records may be withheld in part, produce all reasonably segregable portions of those records. Additionally, please provide all responsive documents even if they are redacted in full.

### **Fee Waiver Request**

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. I am an investigative columnist for The Heritage Foundation’s national news outlet *The Daily Signal*. As part of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, *The Daily Signal* does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in The Heritage Foundation’s commercial interest. The Heritage Foundation’s mission is to formulate and promote public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense. The requested information is in the public interest as

this is an issue of national controversy which has been covered extensively by national broadcast media<sup>1</sup> and national print media.<sup>2</sup> This is an issue of national controversy about whether Secretary Mayorkas should have hired a private law firm to represent him in impeachment processes and whether there was legal or factual justification for the contract.<sup>3</sup>

Because this is a request by a member of the news media for information of public interest, made in my capacity as an author for *The Daily Signal*<sup>4</sup> (a major news outlet<sup>5</sup>), as an investigative columnist, I actively gather information of potential interest to our Daily Signal audience, and I use my editorial skills to turn raw materials into a distinct work, and I distribute that work to our Daily Signal audience through podcasts<sup>6</sup> or articles.<sup>7</sup> I request that you waive all applicable fees associated with this request.

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<sup>1</sup> Fox News. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 16). DHS tapped left-leaning firm for potential Mayorkas impeachment efforts over southern border crisis. <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/dhs-tapped-left-leaning-firm-potential-mayorkas-impeachment-efforts-over-southern-border-crisis>.

<sup>2</sup> National Review. (Accessed: 2023, February 16). Mayorkas Says He Won't Resign amid GOP Outcry over Border Crisis. <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/mayorkas-says-he-wont-resign-amid-gop-outcry-over-border-crisis/>.

<sup>3</sup> Fox News. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 27). Oversight Committee probes 'no-bid' DHS contract to law firm to handle Mayorkas impeachment efforts. <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/oversight-committee-probes-no-bid-dhs-contract-law-firm-handle-mayorkas-impeachment-efforts>.

<sup>4</sup>Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2022, February 18). Mike Howell. <https://www.dailysignal.com/author/mike-howell/>

<sup>5</sup>Daily Signal. [@DailySignal] (Accessed: 2022, February 18). 73.7K Followers Twitter. <https://twitter.com/DailySignal>

<sup>6</sup>Apple. (Accessed: 2022, March 4). The Daily Signal Podcast. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-daily-signal-podcast/id1313611947>

<sup>7</sup> The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *EXCLUSIVE: FBI Devoted at Least 16,000 More Hours to Jan. 6 Riot Than to BLM Riots in DC*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/03/20/exclusive-fbi-devoted-at-least-16000-more-hours-to-jan-6-riot-than-to-blm-riots-in-d-c/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *Archives Lawyer Won't Say Who Blocked Statement on Biden Classified Documents*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/03/09/archives-lawyer-cant-say-who-blocked-statement-on-biden-classified-documents/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *7 Facts I Discovered During My Visit to East Palestine*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/03/01/7-facts-i-discovered-during-my-visit-to-east-palestine/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27) *Biden Picks Major Recipient of Pfizer Research Dollars to Oversee Cancer Institute*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/08/22/biden-picks-major-recipient-of-pfizer-research-dollars-to-oversee-cancer-institute/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *DC's Solution to Illegal Immigrants Bused From Texas: 'Put Them on Train to Miami'*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/07/22/dcs-solution-to-illegal-immigrants-bused-from-texas-put-them-on-train-to-miami/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *Well-Intentioned AmeriCorps Now Rotten to Core After Falling to Woke Left*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/02/22/well-intentioned-ameri-corps-now-rotten-core-falling-woke-left/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *What the New Document Dump Says About Biden's VP Papers*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/02/13/were-more-biden-classified-documents-stored-in->

If you deny this request for a fee waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$50. Please send me a detailed and itemized explanation of those charges.

**Request for Expedited Processing:**

Pursuant to 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(iv), I request expedited processing for this request. I certify the following statement of facts in support of expedited processing to be true and correct pursuant to 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(iv).

**Background:**

1. In the current and preceding Congress, three Resolutions have been introduced in the House. *See* H. Res. 582, 117th Cong.; H. Res. 8, 118th Cong.; and H. Res 89, 118th Cong. Secretary Mayorkas hired Debevoise & Plimpton LLP to represent him in the impeachment processes on January 26, 2023.

2. The Office of Legal Counsel issued an Opinion<sup>8</sup> on whether DHS can hire private counsel to represent Secretary Mayorkas in impeachment processes. The Opinion concluded that Secretary Mayorkas could do so if DHS lacked the internal capacity to defend against an impeachment. DHS claims that it lacks the capacity to handle an impeachment inquiry, but the Opinion offers no view on whether the DHS resources are sufficient and accepts DHS's sole justification for hiring outside counsel.

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[boston/](https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/01/17/document-reveals-fbis-investigative-interest-in-protests-at-justices-homes-although-no-action-taken/). The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *FBI Had Investigative Interest in Protests at Justices' Homes, but Apparently Took No Action, Document Reveals*.  
<https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/01/17/document-reveals-fbis-investigative-interest-in-protests-at-justices-homes-although-no-action-taken/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *Democrat on House Financial Services Committee Hired FTX Crypto Kingpin's Brother*.  
<https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/11/15/democrat-on-house-financial-services-committee-hired-ftx-crypto-kingpins-brother/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *These 6 GOP Senators Who Voted to Confirm Mayorkas Won't Condemn Him After Revelation in False 'Whipping' Charge*.  
<https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/10/20/these-6-gop-senators-who-voted-to-confirm-mayorkas-wont-condemn-him-after-revelation-in-false-whipping-charge/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *6 Takeaways to Know on Newly Released Trump, National Archives Documents*.  
<https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/10/04/6-takeaways-to-know-on-newly-released-trump-national-archives-documents/>. The Daily Signal. (Accessed: 2023, March 27). *By the Numbers: How Many Men in California Prisons Identify as Women*. <https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/06/14/by-the-numbers-how-many-men-in-california-prisons-identify-as-women/>.

<sup>8</sup> *Retaining Private Counsel to Represent the DHS Secretary in Impeachment Processes*, 47 Op. O.L.C. \_\_ (OLC Jan. 4, 2023).

DHS has not made public its factual basis for concluding that the OLC Opinion is applicable to its retention of Debevoise.

3. The DHS obligated an amount of \$1.5 million with the discretionary option for the total potential award to total \$3 million.<sup>9</sup> The contract was awarded on a sole source basis. The contract's current end date extends through January 2, 2025. The contract is being funded by the DHS's Office of the General Counsel in the Immediate Office of the Secretary.

4. DHS's sole source justification provides DHS's explanation for why DHS only considered Debevoise in its sole-source search.<sup>10</sup> DHS's sole-source search began in October of 2022 before the midterm elections occurred. It was a sole-source search because DHS claimed that only Debevoise & Plimpton LLP had the necessary experience to represent Secretary Mayorkas. DHS stated it conducted a sole-source search because of the urgency of the matter and the ongoing House activity.

#### **Expedited Processing is Warranted under 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(iv).**

1. This section provides that requests for expedited processing "will" be granted when the request involves "[a] matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence."

Section 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(iv) mirrors the Department of Justice regulation governing expedited processing, 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(iv), which provides that expedited processing shall be granted regarding: "A matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exists possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence."

Courts have held that the DOJ Regulation requires the requester to show: (1) that the request involves a "matter of widespread and exceptional media interest" (28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(iv)); and (2) that the matter is one "in which there exists possible questions about the integrity of the government that affect public confidence" (*id.*). See *Edmonds v. FBI*, No. 02-cv-1294 (ESH), 2002 WL 32539613, \*3 (D.D.C. Dec. 3,

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<sup>9</sup> USA Spending. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 22). AWARD PROFILE: Contract Summary. [https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT\\_AWD\\_70RDAD23C00000002\\_7001\\_-NONE\\_-NONE-](https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_70RDAD23C00000002_7001_-NONE_-NONE-).

<sup>10</sup> J&A No. FY23-021.



2002). It is not necessary to show “prejudice or a matter of current exigency to the American public.” *Id.*

First, the DOJ Regulation requires showing that the matter about which questions of integrity have been raised is the subject of widespread national media attention. *See Am. Oversight v. DOJ*, 292 F.Supp.3d 501, 507–508 (D.D.C. 2018) (denying motion for expedited processing because general media interest in Solicitor General’s nomination is insufficient to show media interest in possible ethics questions concerning the nomination). There need not be a showing that the disclosure would shed considerable light on agency operations; only that there is “exceptional” and “widespread” media interest. *See CREW v. DOJ*, 870 F.Supp.2d 70, 81 (D.D.C. 2012), *rev’d on other grounds*, 746 F.3d 1082 (D.C. Cir. 2014). While the media interest need be “widespread” and “exceptional” it need not be overwhelming. *See ACLU*, 321 F.Supp.2d at 31–32 (rejecting DOJ’s position that requester’s citation to what the court described as “only a handful of articles” was insufficient to show “widespread and exceptional media interest” because those articles “were published in a variety of publications and repeatedly reference the ongoing national discussion about the Patriot Act and Section 215” (second quotation added)); *Edmonds*, 2002 WL 32539613, at \*3 (numerous national newspaper and network television broadcasts concerning whistleblower’s allegations of security lapses in FBI translator program met test).<sup>11</sup>

Second, the DOJ Regulation requires showing that “there exists *possible* questions about the government’s integrity that affect public confidence.” *CREW v. DOJ*, 436 F.Supp.3d 354, 361 (D.D.C. 2020) (*quoting* 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(4)) (emphasis by Court).<sup>12</sup> It does not “require the requester to prove wrongdoing by the government in order to obtain documents on an expedited basis.” *Id.* at 362. “The primary way to determine whether such possible questions exist is by examining the state of public coverage of the matter at issue, and whether that coverage surfaces possible ethics issues so potentially significant as to reduce public confidence in governmental institutions.” *Am. Oversight v. DOJ*, 292 F.Supp.3d 501, 508 (D.D.C. 2018). This is not an extraordinarily high bar. *See, e.g., CREW*, 436 F.Supp.3d at 361 (complaint sufficient to survive a motion to dismiss where it alleged Attorney General’s action regarding disclosure of Mueller Report “supported an inference that

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<sup>11</sup> *Cf.* 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(3) (“The existence of numerous articles published on a given subject can be helpful in establishing the requirement that there be an ‘urgency to inform’ the public on the topic.”).

<sup>12</sup> To be sure, this standard does not require expedition of any questions concerning government integrity. *See, e.g., White v. DOJ*, 16 F.4th 539, 544 (7th Cir. 2021) (test not met in case where records sought to cast doubt on requestors’ criminal conviction where requestor claimed he was subject to an elaborate government sting operation).

at best, the Attorney General undertook to frame the public discussion on his own terms, and at worst that he distorted the truth”); *ACLU v. DOJ*, 321 F.Supp.2d 24, 32 (D.D.C. 2004) (allegations in press that Section 215 of the Patriot Act may be unconstitutional and reports that Members of Congress have alleged abuses of Section 215 “implicate[] government integrity” and hence are sufficient to meet test); *Edmonds*, 2002 WL 32539613, at \*3–4 (test met where plaintiff alleged security lapses in FBI translators program, national news covered the issue, and two Senators expressed concern regarding “the significant security issues raised by plaintiff’s allegations and the integrity of the FBI”).<sup>13</sup>

2. The facts amply support expedition here. When the contract with the New York-based firm Debevoise & Plimpton became public, it was instantly very controversial for two main reasons. There are many questions about whether the DHS and Secretary Mayorkas should have hired a large elite private law firm to represent him in impeachment processes. *See* App. A 001–006, 020–021, 023–024, 026, 028, 034–042, 045, 081, 083, 086, 089–090, 092, 103, 106, 109–110, 120, 123, 125, 130. The other controversial issue is whether the DHS and Secretary Mayorkas were legally justified in retaining private counsel or whether they had had an appropriate factual predicate to do so. *See* App. A 001–003, 007–014, 017–018, 019–021, 023–024, 027–028, 037, 041–042, 045, 050, 055, 081, 083–084, 086, 089–090, 093, 096–098, 112, 118, 123, 125–126, 130.

The following factual Appendices are attached and expressly incorporated herein and made part of this request (as are the factual sources cited therein).<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> DOJ has granted expedition under the DOJ Regulation in a number of circumstances. *See, e.g.*, *CREW v. DOJ*, 870 F.Supp.2d at 81 n. 14 (expedition granted to request seeking records on FBI’s closed investigation of Congressman DeLay for misconduct which did not result in charges, but received considerable media attention (subsequent history omitted)); *CREW v. DOJ*, 820 F.Supp.2d 39, 42, 46 (D.D.C. 2011) (expedition granted to request seeking information concerning possible deletion of Office of Legal Counsel emails where the possible deletion was flagged as a hindrance in an internal investigation, covered in the media, and was the subject of Congressional concerns); *Elec. Frontier Found. v. DOJ*, 565 F.Supp.2d 188, 189–91 (D.D.C. 2008) (expedition granted to request seeking information regarding storage of information obtained by National Security Letters in FBI’s Data Warehouse); *CREW v. DOJ*, No. 05-cv-2078 (EGS), 2006 WL 1518964, \*1 (D.D.C. June 1, 2006) (expedition granted to request concerning government’s decision to seek a reduced penalty in tobacco litigation where government’s decision was subject to intensive news coverage and prompted concern from “several Congressman” which caused a request for an Inspector General investigation of “improper political interference” with the decision).

<sup>14</sup> [http://thf\\_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite\\_Project/DHS\\_impeachment\\_debevoise\\_Appendix\\_A-D.pdf](http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite_Project/DHS_impeachment_debevoise_Appendix_A-D.pdf)



- Appendix A is a collection of pertinent transcripts of network news television broadcasts, national newspaper articles, press releases, and Twitter posts related to whether the Department of Homeland Security should have retained an elite large private law firm to represent Secretary Mayorkas and if there was legal and factual justification for the contract.<sup>15</sup>
- Appendix B is H. Res. 8, 118<sup>th</sup> Cong. and H. Res. 89, 118<sup>th</sup> Cong.<sup>16</sup>
- Appendix C is H. Res. 582, 117<sup>th</sup> Cong.<sup>17</sup>
- Appendix D is a Congressional letter from the Committee on Oversight and Accountability to Secretary Mayorkas questioning the sole-source no-bid contract awarded to Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.<sup>18</sup>

Without a doubt there is sustained national media cover of, and interest in,<sup>1920</sup> accusations by the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability,<sup>21</sup> national news organizations,<sup>2223</sup> other public figures, and subject matter experts that DHS acted improperly in this instance. The DHS contract with private counsel is a very controversial issue raising three major questions, among others. At a policy level, there is substantial interest in whether spending \$1.5 million of taxpayer dollars on retaining an elite law firm is an appropriate use of the public fisc. There is also sustained interest in whether DHS can legally hire counsel to represent Secretary

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<sup>15</sup> [http://thf\\_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite\\_Project/DHS\\_impeachment\\_debevoise\\_Appendix\\_A-D.pdf](http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite_Project/DHS_impeachment_debevoise_Appendix_A-D.pdf)

<sup>16</sup> [http://thf\\_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite\\_Project/DHS\\_impeachment\\_debevoise\\_Appendix\\_A-D.pdf](http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite_Project/DHS_impeachment_debevoise_Appendix_A-D.pdf)

<sup>17</sup> [http://thf\\_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite\\_Project/DHS\\_impeachment\\_debevoise\\_Appendix\\_A-D.pdf](http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite_Project/DHS_impeachment_debevoise_Appendix_A-D.pdf)

<sup>18</sup> [http://thf\\_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite\\_Project/DHS\\_impeachment\\_debevoise\\_Appendix\\_A-D.pdf](http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/Oversite_Project/DHS_impeachment_debevoise_Appendix_A-D.pdf)

<sup>19</sup> Fox News. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 22). DHS tapped left-leaning firm for potential Mayorkas impeachment efforts over southern border crisis. <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/dhs-tapped-left-leaning-firm-potential-mayorkas-impeachment-efforts-over-southern-border-crisis>.

<sup>20</sup> Fox News. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 22). Oversight Committee probes 'no-bid' DHS contract to law firm to handle Mayorkas impeachment efforts. <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/oversight-committee-probes-no-bid-dhs-contract-law-firm-handle-mayorkas-impeachment-efforts>.

<sup>21</sup> Committee on Oversight and Accountability. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 22). Letter to DHS on Sole-Source No-Bid Contract. <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Letter-to-DHS-on-Sole-Source-No-Bid-Contract.pdf>.

<sup>22</sup> The Hill. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 22). DHS hires outside law firm for help with potential Mayorkas impeachment. <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/3852862-dhs-hires-outside-law-firm-for-help-with-potential-mayorkas-impeachment/>.

<sup>23</sup> Politico. (Accessed: 2023, Feb. 22). Biden Cabinet member lawyers up as GOP threatens impeachment. <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/02/10/republicans-lawyers-alejandro-mayorkas-00082301>.

Mayorkas against impeachment allegations. Finally, there is interest in whether the DHS had an adequate factual basis for the contract.

The foregoing undoubtedly undermines the serious questions that have been raised, which undermines the public's confidence in DHS operations. Indeed, the House Committee with the principal duty to oversee the Executive has said the public should question DHS's integrity in operations. *See* App. D 001–02. Expedition is warranted.

Thank you in advance for considering my request. If you have any questions, or feel you need clarification of this request please contact me at

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Sincerely,

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# Homeland Security

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**Re: Kim Lain. v. DHS**  
**2024-cv-00037 (2024-HQLI-00026)**  
**Interim Response (July 2024)**

Dear Mr. Dewey:

This is the interim response to the February 2, 2024, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) complaint filed against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that pertains to your FOIA request dated April 6, 2023 (2023-HQFO-01333).

For this production, DHS reviewed six (6) pages responsive to item one of the request, of which one page is released in part, and five (5) pages are withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(5). I have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the record set and have applied the FOIA exemptions as required by the statute and the Attorney General's guidance.

The six (6) pages are numbered DHS-0100-00037-000001 to DHS-0100-00037-000006.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Assistant United States Attorney, Faith E. Lowry at [Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov](mailto:Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

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**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: [samueledewey@sedchambers.com](mailto:samueledewey@sedchambers.com)**

Samuel Everett Dewey, Esq.  
Chambers of Samuel Everett Dewey, LLC.  
2200 12<sup>th</sup> Court North 609  
Arlington, VA 22201

**Re: Kim Lain. v. DHS**  
**2024-cv-00037 (2024-HQLI-00026)**  
**Second Interim Response (October 2024)**

Dear Mr. Dewey:

This is the second response to the February 2, 2024, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) complaint filed against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that pertains to your FOIA request dated April 6, 2023 (2023-HQFO-01333).

For this production, DHS reviewed one thousand and four hundred thirty-four (1,434) pages that were potentially responsive to your request. Of those, one hundred and sixty-seven (167) pages are duplicative, one thousand and two hundred eight (1,208) pages are non-responsive, and fifty-nine (59) pages have been withheld in part, pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

The fifty-nine (59) pages are numbered DHS-0100-00037-000007 to DHS-0100-00037-000064.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Assistant United States Attorney, Faith E. Lowry at [Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov](mailto:Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric A. Neuschaefter".

Eric A. Neuschaefter  
Senior Director  
FOIA Litigation, Appeals, Policy, and Training

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**From:** MCDONOUGH, BRYN (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/15/2023 2:21:15 PM  
**To:** Hymowitz, Emily (b)(6)  
**CC:** PAL, SHIEK (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Thanks Emily – can you loop in Shiek so he can track too?

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**From:** Hymowitz, Emily (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 6:28 AM  
**To:** MCDONOUGH, BRYN (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

FYSA on the latest after my discussion with OCPO earlier this week.

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:07 PM  
**To:** Van Houten, Ann (b)(6); Storino, Charlene (b)(6); Swartz, Neal (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Short, Victoria (b)(6); Ritter, David (b)(6); COURTNEY, PAUL (b)(6); Ferraro, Nina (b)(6); Toris, Randy (b)(6); Marcott, Stacy (b)(6); Hymowitz, Emily (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Hi Ann  
We had an OGC discussion on this today and are working the issue  
Thank you  
Mike

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**From:** Van Houten, Ann (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:05 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6); Storino, Charlene (b)(6); Swartz, Neal (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Short, Victoria (b)(6); Ritter, David (b)(6); COURTNEY, PAUL (b)(6); Ferraro, Nina (b)(6); Toris, Randy (b)(6); Marcott, Stacy (b)(6); Hymowitz, Emily (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Mike and Charlene,

I know you just got the legal services contract to review today, but congressional staff are in a hurry to receive the response. Please coordinate with Randy on when you can clear the the contract and OPO will provide a copy to OCFO.

Please note below that OCFO is doing the hard task of working this through the clearance process and will make sure OLA and OPA have copies of what is sent.

Thank you OGC for preparing the TPs. It appears they may get used sooner rather than later.

Ann

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**From:** Toris, Randy <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:57 PM  
**To:** Van Houten, Ann <(b)(6)>; Short, Victoria <(b)(6)>; Hymowitz, Emily <(b)(6)>; DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Hi Ann!

Well, when we're in a time "crunch", we go off-line and task out staffer getbacks via e-mail and don't use the Exec Sec process....but certainly CAN if you prefer.

Timeline? Well, judging by the fact that he reached out again today, I would say it is pretty hot. We'll, of course, need to get this cleared by MGMT and OMB, so, that is going to eat up a few days each. All that said, can we shoot for the VERY latest this Friday?

We'll happily share our answers to "what isn't getting funded?" once complete.

Randy

Randy Toris  
Director, Financial Operations  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Van Houten, Ann <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** Toris, Randy <(b)(6)>; Short, Victoria <(b)(6)>; Hymowitz, Emily <(b)(6)>; DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Will the request from appropriations staff come through MGMT Exec Sec for us to supply the contract? OGC is reviewing it - (b)(5)

Understand we need to be responsive. What is the timeline and when you have answers to the funding questions, can you share them with the team. We want to make sure if a different staffer asks the same question that we provide the same answer.

Thanks

Ann

**From:** Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 10:45 AM  
**To:** Van Houten, Ann <(b)(6)>; DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>; Storino, (b)(6)  
**Cc:** COURTNEY, PAUL <(b)(6)>; Ferraro, Nina <(b)(6)>; Hall, Polly <(b)(6)>; Short, Victoria <(b)(6)>; Ritter, David <(b)(6)>; Toris, Randy <(b)(6)>; Marcott, Stacy <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Ann,

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Thank you,

Neal

(b)(6)

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**From:** Van Houten, Ann <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 4:38 PM  
**To:** Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>; DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>; Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** COURTNEY, PAUL <(b)(6)>; Ferraro, Nina <(b)(6)>; Hall, Polly <(b)(6)>; Short, Victoria <(b)(6)>; Ritter, David <(b)(6)>; Toris, Randy <(b)(6)>; Marcott, Stacy <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Neal, Mike, Charlene,

Please see the bottom of this email. OCFO has received the first congressional inquiry regarding the Secretary's legal support contract.

We will look to OGC for TPS for OCFO and OLA regarding this and likely additional Congressional inquiries to come. OCFO will provide a copy of the contract to be responsive through the normal response channels. Please advise if there is anything that should be redacted or we should mark as sensitive.

Vicky and I met with Emily Hymowitz to make sure OLA (non-approps) is aware of the inquiry and aware that OGC is developing TPs so everyone provides consistent responses.

Ann

**From:** Toris, Randy <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 12:43 PM  
**To:** COURTNEY, PAUL <(b)(6)>; Short, Victoria <(b)(6)>

Cc: Van Houten, Ann (b)(6); Simpkins, Lauren (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Good afternoon Paul and Vicky!

Last week, Ann briefed the CPO slide to SAC-HS Minority for their MGMT 101 in-brief. Viraj, the new Minority Clerk, brought up the recent article on the S1 acquiring legal services (link below), and warned that they'd be coming back with a formal ask to hear more about it.

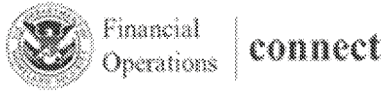
See his ask below. **ARE** you able to send a copy of the contract? If so, can I please ask that your team send that to me soonest?

Thank you!

Randy

Randy Toris  
Director, Financial Operations  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Mirani, Viraj (Appropriations) <Viraj\_Mirani@appro.senate.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 10:03 AM

To: Toris, Randy (b)(6); NUCKLES, DAVID (b)(6); Tucker, Cierra (b)(6); Toms, Christopher (b)(6)

Cc: White, Kamela (Appropriations) <Kamela\_White@appro.senate.gov>; Piatt, Jenn (Appropriations) <Jenn\_Piatt@appro.senate.gov>; Cook, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Cook@appro.senate.gov>; Anstine, Paul <Paul.Anstine@mail.house.gov>; Fischer, Anna Lanier <AnnaLanier.Fischer@mail.house.gov>; Joachim, Bob <Bob.Joachim@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

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Hi Randy,

As I mentioned last week, we are looking to get some additional information on the contract announced with Debevoise & Plimpton late last week for legal services regarding a potential impeachment. The below news article shows a government summary with \$1.5 million already obligated for the firm in a contract started Jan. 26, with the potential for up to \$3 million.

As soon as possible, please provide us with a copy of the contract and any budgetary information, to include which PPA is paying for this contract. Please also let us know what activities are not being conducted from the FY23 Budget Request due to this expense. In addition, please provide us with information on what services, if any, are currently being provided in advance of congressional action on impeachment articles (for instance, is preparation work for

Judiciary Committee hearings on immigration covered by this contract and/or being performed, or only work directly related to impeachment).

<https://rollcall.com/2023/02/10/homeland-security-hires-outside-lawyers-for-potential-impeachment/>

Thanks

Viraj

Viraj Mirani

Senate Committee on Appropriations

**(b)(6)**



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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Sent:** 1/12/2023 11:56:54 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Got it and just sent back to Amanda. Should have said something earlier, I thought the same thing but then the version had been saved in the hour so just moved it forward.

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**From:** Storino, Charlene [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 6:43 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Must have grabbed the wrong one.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 6:02 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Charlene, can you please check the version?

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted]@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:48 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Burwell, Carter [redacted]@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

Based on a quick skim this looks like the version you sent me yesterday. Is there a new response to what I sent over this afternoon? Thanks

## Debevoise & Plimpton

Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 17:43  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.

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Cc: (b)(6) Burwell, Carter  
Subject: RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Please see response with comments/revisions on the engagement letter.

Paula

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:03 PM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Amanda,

I'm still waiting for some additional clarification on (b)(5) (highlighted in yellow) but didn't want to hold off any longer on sending back the rest of the responses. I'll follow-up when we have more clarification for that highlighted comment.

In terms of (b)(5) we did want to follow-up and make sure the firm understands that for (b)(5) (b)(5) While the (b)(5) (b)(5) terms, we just wanted to make sure this was clear upfront.

On the (b)(5) we also plan to add language related to the (b)(5) – you'll see this when the award is sent for signature, but also wanted to make sure it's highlighted to avoid any surprises toward the end.

OGC is working through the engagement letter comments and we plan to get back to you soon.

Thanks,  
Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:57 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

See attached for my feedback on your edits to our engagement letter. I have agreed with the majority of your edits and comments. Some of the redlining you see is simply me suggesting a different approach to how we deal with the changes to our standard Terms and Conditions. I'd like to note the sections we have stricken as "intentionally omitted." But I think we are very largely in agreement on this document as well, and should be able to finalize easily.

I understand from (b)(6) that we need to have this finalized by tomorrow so that work can begin. The biggest thing we are waiting on, from our perspective, is your response to our comments on the contract. Do you have an update on when we can expect that?

We are ready to help move this forward in whatever way we can. Thank you.

Amanda

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Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel



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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 18:24  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Thanks – will need to discuss with a few individuals internally to provide a full response on the remaining comments. In the interim, just wanted to clarify for [redacted] that this document and the others listed, would

**(b)(5)**

[redacted] At this point, based on the further discussions that have occurred since Friday, can you please let me know which positions (as outlined in the pricing proposal) the firm considers [redacted]

**(b)(5)**

We have an internal meeting scheduled at 11:30 tomorrow to discuss the [redacted] – as a result, we may need to then setup another meeting with your firm and relevant parties for discuss further.

Attached is the also the [redacted] on your feedback and the Engagement Letter with our comments. Still owe you the response to your comments on the Clauses which should be provided tomorrow morning/early afternoon.

Paula

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [redacted]@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:01 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Burwell, Carter [redacted]@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Paula,

I have just a couple of follow up questions in the attached. I have accepted everything else where we are aligned. Thank you.

Amanda

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Associate General Counsel

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 14:16  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Please see the attached response and revisions on the SOW. I also merged in the terms and comments from the "Additional SOW ADMIN Terms" document. Let me know if we can finalize this document or if you would like to discuss.

DHS is pending a response on [redacted] (b)(5) but I'm waiting to receive comments from all the relevant parties. For the Clauses, per our discussion yesterday, [redacted] (b)(5)

(b)(5)

[redacted] (b)(5) just wanted to provide initial feedback on that but we can discuss in more detail when we send the version back with our responses to each comment.

Thanks,  
Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [redacted]@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 8, 2023 11:28 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Burwell, Carter [redacted]@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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Hi Paula,

I am still working through Attachment II, but in the meantime, I wanted to pass along some questions and comments I had on the other documents, as well as an updated SOW. I went ahead and accepted all of the track changes where we were in agreement, and we are down to a handful of outstanding points there. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Thank you.  
Amanda

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2023 17:20  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

It was nice speaking with your this morning. As a follow-up, I'm attaching the rest of the draft award for your firm's review. We initially had planned to wait for the (b)(5)

(b)(5)

We identified a few additional standard terms that are relevant for this contract and so included an "Additional SOW ADMIN Terms" attachment. We didn't want to throw off the version control on the SOW since you are in the process of providing a response but next time we update we'll add these terms related to (b)(5) I've also attached a copy of our (b)(5)

Let me know if you have any questions and/or if you need to setup another call on Monday to discuss further.

Thanks,  
Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security

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Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)

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**From:** Miller, Aeron [(b)(6)]  
[redacted]  
**Sent:** 8/11/2023 5:34:15 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Michael [(b)(6)]  
[redacted]; Storino, Charlene  
**CC:** [(b)(6)]  
Nusbaum, Paula  
[(b)(6)]  
Miller, Bjorn  
[(b)(5)]  
Swartz, Neal  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Ok, I will be sure to add this to the case notes for the analyst.

Have a nice weekend!  
Aeron

**From:** Davidson, Michael <[(b)(6)]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:13 PM  
**To:** Miller, Aeron <[(b)(6)]>; Storino, Charlene <[(b)(6)]>  
**Cc:** [(b)(6)]; Nusbaum, Paula <[(b)(6)]>  
[(b)(6)]; Miller, Bjorn <[(b)(6)]>  
<[(b)(6)]> Swartz, Neal <[(b)(6)]>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hi Aeron  
Yes, please include me & Charlene on the final review.  
We did review the OPO submission to FOIA-just FYI.  
Thank you  
Mike

**From:** Miller, Aeron [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:08 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Michael <[(b)(6)]>  
**Cc:** [(b)(6)]; Nusbaum, Paula [(b)(6)]  
[(b)(6)]; Miller, Bjorn [(b)(6)]  
[(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hi Mike,



I just wanted to chime in here and let you know that records have not yet been released for this case. I do have a note in the case file that: (b)(5)

Thanks,  
Aeron

**Ms. Aeron J. Miller**  
Director, Disclosure  
Privacy Office  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Stewart, Korrina <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 11:51 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Miller, Aeron <(b)(6)>; Wolfrey, Jimmy <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

(b)(6) do you know what the below is referring to? Are you handling?

**From:** Davidson, Michael <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 11:43 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6); Miller, Bjorn  
(b)(6); Stewart, Korrina  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hi (b)(6)  
I'm trying to get a copy of what FOIA released with the redactions applied.  
Thank you  
Mike

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 11:38 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Michael <(b)(6)>; Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6); Miller,  
Bjorn <(b)(6)>; Stewart, Korrina  
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**Cc:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

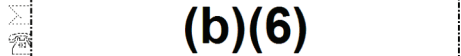

Hello Michael,

Attached is the OPO response provided on 4/11/2023 associated with the subject FOIA tasker.

(b)(6)

Program Analyst

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (OCPO)  
Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)  
Chief of Staff (CoS)

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(b)(6); Miller, Bjorn <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6); Stewart, Korrina <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Thanks Paula

Waiting on FOIA

Thank you

Mike

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(b)(6); Miller, Bjorn <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Attached is the response that OPO provided, although we are not kept in the loop on the final decision on what to disclose/provide to the requester.

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**From:** Davidson, Michael <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 8:54 AM  
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Hi (b)(6)

We are trying to get a copy of the documents actually disclosed in response to the FOIA request.

This relates to the contract with Debevoise for legal services.

Thank you in advance for your assistance

Mike

Michael J. Davidson  
Deputy Associate General Counsel,  
Acquisition and Procurement Law  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
NAC 03-333  
Washington, DC 20528

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**From:** OPO.FOIAS <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 2:08 PM

**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** (b)(6); MILLER, BJORN (b)(6)

**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Good Afternoon Paula and (b)(6)

Please find attached FOIA Request # 2023-HQFO-01056 pertaining to a request for documents associated with contract number(s): 70RDAD23C00000002

The following actions are hereby requested of you and/or your office:

- Please conduct a search for the requested documents (see attached files) from HQ FOIA Office
- NOTE: Please let me know if the responsive documents associated with this request are voluminous (e.g. what is voluminous depends up on the records, i.e. 20 mods, but a record set of over 500 pages would be considered voluminous as it may require multiple emails to transmit.) Fees are charged for commercial requestors. In coordination with the FOIA Office, if it is determined that a charge fee is appropriate, you will be requested to prepare a FOIA Cost Estimate to detail the estimate number of search and review time along with the estimated number of pages associated with the documents.
- Complete the "Search Information Form" located at the bottom of the FOIA Office email under the red text and include with your submission of responsive documents.
- Provide the requested documents as described in the FOIA request below and forward to me for tracking and coordination at ledina.nelson@hq.dhs.gov

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The Suspense Date for this request is: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this FOIA tasker.

Thank You!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:57 AM

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SUSPENSE April 5, 2023

RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056, (Chris Nelson)

DHS-001-00037-000021

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Good day,

Attached is a FOIA request for Records and communications of U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials regarding contract number 70RDAD23C00000002, a direct award for legal services to Debevoise and Plimpton, LLC signed on January 26, 2023. This request includes:

- (1) a complete copy of the contract referenced above, complete with any attachments referenced therein
- (2) bid proposals related to the contract referenced above.
- (3) Documentation how the agency determined that the service is only available from one source (e.g., market survey results, independent agency research)
- (4) Information or communications relied upon to award a sole source, no bid contract.
- (5) Documentation (draft and final) required by FAR related to awarding this sole source, no bid contract.
- (6) Any legal opinions obtained in awarding this contract.

Please provide records from November 1, 2022 to present.

- Please conduct a search for responsive records (emails should be returned in native format, do not print or convert to pdf);
- Use the following search terms in addition to any other search terms that would likely produce records, depending on how your files are maintained: (TYPE SEARCH TERMS HERE);
- Complete the information below detailing the search;
- Email your response to me by COB April 5, 2023.

If you have any questions, or if the file is too large to email, please contact me.

Thank you for your help with this FOIA case.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Privacy Office FOIA, Mailstop 0655  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Main FOIA Number 202-343-1743

Search Information Form (Please complete the following search form.)

Name(s) of Searcher(s):

Is Searcher (Check One): Clerical \_\_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_\_ Managerial \_\_\_\_

Program Office(s):

Date(s) of Search:

Total Time Searching:

Total Time Reviewing Records:

Were Any Records Found?:

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\*Phone Number:

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Thank you,  
Neal  
(b)(6)

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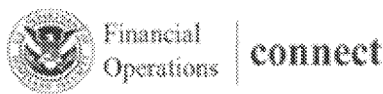
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Good afternoon Paul and Vicky!

Last week, Ann briefed the CPO slide to SAC-HS Minority for their MGMT 101 in-brief. Viraj, the new Minority Clerk, brought up the recent article on the S1 acquiring legal services (link below), and warned that they'd be coming back with a formal ask to hear more about it.

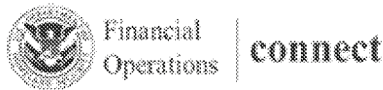
See his ask below. **ARE** you able to send a copy of the contract? If so, can I please ask that your team send that to me soonest?

Thank you!

Randy

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 10:03 AM  
**To:** Toris, Randy (b)(6); NUCKLES, DAVID (b)(6); Tucker, Cierra (b)(6); Toms, Christopher (b)(6)  
**Cc:** White, Kamela (Appropriations) <Kamela\_White@appro.senate.gov>; Piatt, Jenn (Appropriations) <Jenn\_Piatt@appro.senate.gov>; Cook, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Cook@appro.senate.gov>; Anstine, Paul <Paul.Anstine@mail.house.gov>; Fischer, Anna Lanier <AnnaLanier.Fischer@mail.house.gov>; Joachim, Bob <Bob.Joachim@mail.house.gov>  
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government summary with \$1.5 million already obligated for the firm in a contract started Jan. 26, with the potential for up to \$3 million.

As soon as possible, please provide us with a copy of the contract and any budgetary information, to include which PPA is paying for this contract. Please also let us know what activities are not being conducted from the FY23 Budget Request due to this expense. In addition, please provide us with information on what services, if any, are currently being provided in advance of congressional action on impeachment articles (for instance, is preparation work for Judiciary Committee hearings on immigration covered by this contract and/or being performed, or only work directly related to impeachment).

<https://rollcall.com/2023/02/10/homeland-security-hires-outside-lawyers-for-potential-impeachment/>

Thanks

Viraj

Viraj Mirani  
Senate Committee on Appropriations

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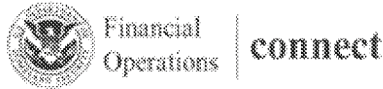
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Thank you!

Randy

Randy Toris  
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Viraj

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Mike

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Okay...

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Your thoughts?

Charlene

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Ann,

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Neal

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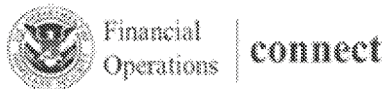
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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: J&A

Nothing further from me

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 5:28 AM  
**To:** MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6) DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: J&A

Thanks everyone.

I accepted most of the edits. I did not make two changes -

(b)(5)

Charlene

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**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6) Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: J&A

Attached are my proposed edits and comments. Thank you.

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**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 6:02 PM  
**To:** MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6) Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
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Jon  
(b)(5)

FYI  
Mike

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Thanks, Mike. I took a quick look at this but will need to spend some more time with it over the weekend. I do have one question. (b)(5)

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From: DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 5:44 PM  
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Subject: J&A

Hi Jon

We received some edits to the (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns

Thank you

Mike

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(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 3:45:51 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Storino, Charlene  
**Subject:** RE: Debevoise contract

I'm actually just on briefly right now ... it sounds more technical in nature and doesn't seem they would be getting into contractual details, but Matt can attend if he's available/interested. It's not that uncommon for some discussions to start before the post-award conference if it's an urgent/time sensitive requirement. I would offer to join if I were available, but will likely be out of pocket starting at 1:00.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 10:41 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)> Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Debevoise contract

Although Paula is OOO, I know she is still checking emails and may want to be included depending on the time.

But regardless, please invite me and I'll attend to address any admin/contractual matter. And can backbrief Paula if necessary.

Assuming this afternoon's meeting will be in lieu of a potential PAC next week – right?

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**From:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 10:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Debevoise contract

Paula and (b)(6)

FYSA –

(b)(5)

wants to have a meeting today.

Don't have a time on when that meeting will be, just heard this afternoon.

Did one of you want to be part of that meeting? I can get Jon to make sure you're invited.

Charlene

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino

Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Fully Executed Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Thanks Charlene – who should this been sent to in OCFO? We just want to make sure the award is being processed in the financial system so the obligation is recorded. Let us know if you prefer to provide to OCFO directly.

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Thanks (b)(6)

I sent a copy of the contract and engagement letter absent the attachments to (b)(6) and others in OGC early this morning so they know award was made. I don't think we need further distribution within OGC. We can take care of that.

I sent (b)(6) (b)(6)'s info to get the EOD process started and (b)(5) on standby to process (b)(5) once they receive it.

We'll get back to you on who should be part of the PAC.

Thanks for your and Paula's work on this.

Charlene

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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fully Executed Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Good Morning Charlene and (b)(6)

Happy Friday – we were able to execute Contract Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise yesterday evening – attached is the fully executed award. I plan on making the official internal distribution out later this morning.

Since Paula and I don't usually do MGMT/OGC award distributions for DOAD, I reached out to a few DOAD team members – and it sounds like they just normally internally distribute to the COR and Invoicing Office (b)(6). However, let me know if there is anyone else at the FO/OGC/MGT you would like me to include on the internal distribution email chain for awareness.

Also is there are issue with sending out the full Award Package (including the Attachments – SOW, T&C, Labor Rates) – or would you just like us to distribute out SF 1449.

I'm also going to reach out to the vendor later this AM and copy: (b)(6) as an introduction and so they can get the EOD process started with their personnel. I'm going to request some blocks of availability from their team for early next week to hold a Post Award Conference. Paula is OOO until Tuesday – so let me know what blocks of availability you and your team have for the PAC starting on Tuesday next week – and let me know who from your team should be included in the PAC.

Thanks both – and have a great weekend,

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** 12/13/2022 7:32:54 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Swartz, Neal  
(b)(6) Davidson, Michael  
**Subject:** Acquisition

Debevoise represented the House of Representatives in the Trump impeachments *pro bono*. That is something that apparently is publicly known. The volume of the work is estimated to have been easily worth millions of dollars at their rates.

--Jon

*Jonathan E. Meyer*  
*General Counsel*  
*Department of Homeland Security*  
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**From:** MCDONOUGH, BRYN (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** 2/15/2023 2:23:23 PM  
**To:** HIMMEL, CHLOE (b)(6); PAL, SHIEK  
(b)(6)  
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(b)(6)  
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Ideally, they loop us in on important topics and they did let Emily know about this, but I would ask (b)(6) to be included on any future communications or calls. Thanks for flagging.

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**From:** HIMMEL, CHLOE (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** PAL, SHIEK (b)(6); MCDONOUGH, BRYN (b)(6) CARNES, ALEXANDRA (b)(6)  
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Yes the CFO shop are the main POCs for the appropriators.

**Chloe Himmel**  
Chief of Staff  
DHS Office of Legislative Affairs

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I just got the thread below from (b)(6) and didn't see any OLA recipients anywhere on the thread – so wanted to make sure you were looped in. I have a call scheduled tomorrow morning with (b)(6) to discuss this request (along with several other, unrelated inquiries). Apparently MGMT has direct contact with Approps staff – is there a protocol or process for them to loop us in on these types of issues?

Thanks,

KSP

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Jon,  
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**Subject:** RE: [for approval by 2:30 PM] -- FW: Law360 Request for Comment: Investigation Into Debevoise Contract

With all previous comments incorporated, going to get this over to the reporter to ensure we get a response in the piece. Thanks all!

**From:** EHREBERG, MIA  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:14 PM  
**To:** CANEGALLO, KRISTIE [REDACTED]; MEYER, JONATHAN [REDACTED]; PAL, SHIEK [REDACTED]; REZMOVIC, JEFFREY [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Swartz, Neal [REDACTED]; MCDONOUGH, BRYN [REDACTED]; CARNES, ALEXANDRA [REDACTED]; ESPINOSA, MARSHA [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: [for approval by 2:30 PM] -- FW: Law360 Request for Comment: Investigation Into Debevoise Contract

Got it, that is our standard language, but I strengthened it up a bit to make it more similar to the quote and clarify that we will be responding appropriately.

Updated version below.

Any other edits? If not, I will send this over to the reporter at 2:30.

**On the record, point her to our previous statement [already approved by this chain], which she can attribute to a DHS spokesperson. Emphasize for her the highlighted portion.**

“The Department of Homeland Security has retained outside counsel to help ensure the Department’s vital mission is not interrupted by the unprecedented, unjustified, and partisan impeachment efforts by some Members of Congress, who have already taken steps to initiate proceedings. DHS will continue

prioritizing its work to protect our country from terrorism, respond to natural disasters, and secure our borders while responding appropriately to the over 90 Congressional committees and subcommittees that have oversight of DHS.”

**On background attributable to a DHS official, I’d provide the following guidance:**

- DHS policy is to respond to Congressional correspondence directly via official channels and, as noted in our statement, DHS will continue to respond appropriately to Congressional oversight.
- Any cost from this process is the direct result of the unprecedented and unjustified actions by Members to pursue impeachment of a Cabinet Member over policy differences.
- House Majority Members have already introduced 2 sets of Articles of Impeachment and the Speaker has indicated support for exploring or pursuing impeachment. They’ve started the process and legal counsel is needed as a result.

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**From:** CANEGALLO, KRISTIE <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:07 PM  
**To:** EHRENBERG, MIA <(b)(6)> MEYER, JONATHAN <(b)(6)> PAL, SHIEK <(b)(6)>  
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<(b)(6)>; Swartz, Neal  
<(b)(6)>; MCDONOUGH, BRYN  
<(b)(6)> CARNES, ALEXANDRA <(b)(6)> ESPINOSA, MARSHA  
<(b)(6)>  
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**From:** EHRENBERG, MIA <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:49 PM  
**To:** MEYER, JONATHAN <(b)(6)> >; PAL, SHIEK <(b)(6)> CANEGALLO, KRISTIE <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>; REZMOVIC, JEFFREY <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
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<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: [for approval by 2:30 PM] -- FW: Law360 Request for Comment: Investigation Into Debevoise Contract

Agreed, on both fronts. I’ll add the standard background about responding directly to inquiries. Anyone else have edits or flags?

Updated version here with that tweak made:

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borders while responding appropriately to the over 90 Congressional committees and subcommittees that have oversight of DHS.”

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- House Majority Members have already introduced 2 sets of Articles of Impeachment and the Speaker has indicated support for exploring or pursuing impeachment. They've started the process and legal counsel is needed as a result.

**From:** MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:46 PM  
**To:** EHRENBERG, MIA (b)(6); PAL, SHIEK (b)(6); CANEGALLO, KRISTIE (b)(6); REZMOVIC, JEFFREY (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); Swartz, Neal (b)(6); MCDONOUGH, BRYN (b)(6); CARNES, ALEXANDRA (b)(6); ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: [for approval by 2:30 PM] -- FW: Law360 Request for Comment: Investigation Into Debevoise Contract

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**From:** EHRENBERG, MIA (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:03 PM  
**To:** PAL, SHIEK (b)(6); CANEGALLO, KRISTIE (b)(6); REZMOVIC, JEFFREY (b)(6); SEIDMAN, RICKI (b)(6); MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6); Swartz, Neal (b)(6); MCDONOUGH, BRYN (b)(6); CARNES, ALEXANDRA (b)(6); ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)  
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Please let me know if anyone has edits or flags.

**From:** PAL, SHIEK <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:01 PM  
**To:** EHRENBERG, MIA <[REDACTED]>; CANEGALLO, KRISTIE <[REDACTED]>  
REZMOVIC, JEFFREY <[REDACTED]> (b)(6) <[REDACTED]>; MEYER,  
JONATHAN <[REDACTED]>; Swartz, Neal  
<[REDACTED]>; MCDONOUGH, BRYN  
<[REDACTED]>; CARNES, ALEXANDRA <[REDACTED]> ESPINOSA, MARSHA  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [for approval by 2:30 PM] -- FW: Law360 Request for Comment: Investigation Into Debevoise Contract

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**From:** EHRENBERG, MIA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:52 PM  
**To:** CANEGALLO, KRISTIE <[REDACTED]> REZMOVIC, JEFFREY <[REDACTED]>  
(b)(6) <[REDACTED]>; MEYER, JONATHAN <[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]>; Swartz, Neal <[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]>; MCDONOUGH, BRYN <[REDACTED]> CARNES, ALEXANDRA  
<[REDACTED]> PAL, SHIEK <[REDACTED]> ESPINOSA, MARSHA  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [for approval by 2:30 PM] -- FW: Law360 Request for Comment: Investigation Into Debevoise Contract

Hi all, please see below for an inquiry regarding the law firm contract and the proposed response with input from WH. The background is the only new addition.

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Please let me know if anyone has edits or flags.

**From:** Rae Ann Varona [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:35 PM

**To:** Media Inquiry <MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV>

**Subject:** Law360 Request for Comment: Investigation Into Debevoise Contract

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Good afternoon,

I'm a reporter at Law360 and am writing about Rep. James Comer's letter to Secretary Mayorkas, saying the House's Committee on Oversight and Accountability was launching an investigation into DHS' decision to hire Debevoise & Plimpton for legal services related to a possible impeachment inquiry against Mayorkas.

Would someone from DHS like to comment on Comer's claim that DHS didn't have an "unusual and compelling urgency" to not go through open bidding?

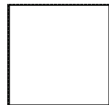
Thank you!

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Rae Ann Varona (she/her)

Reporter

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**From:** MCDONOUGH, BRYN (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** 3/13/2023 9:20:19 PM

**To:** MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Swartz, Neal  
(b)(6)

**CC:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
(b)(6); BUETOW, ZEPHRANIE  
(b)(6) CARNES, ALEXANDRA  
(b)(6) ESPINOSA, MARSHA  
(b)(6) MIRANDA, LUIS  
(b)(6); EHRENBERG, MIA  
(b)(6); PAL, SHIEK

**Subject:** Notes from 3/13 Briefing

All, please see below my notes from the 4:00 briefing with appropriations staff today. Please feel free to correct me if I got anything wrong.

Thanks,  
Bryn

Briefing or HAC and SAC Staff re Contract with Outside Counsel  
Monday, March 13, 2023  
4:00 p.m.  
Via Teams  
*Requested by SAC Minority Staff*

Staff:

Chris Cook  
Bob Joachim  
Viraj Mirani (SAC MIN)  
Thomas Wilson  
Kami White (SAC MAJ)  
Jenn Piatt (SAC MAJ)  
Paul Anstine (HAC MAJ)

DHS:

Jon Meyer  
Neal Swartz  
Randy Toris  
David Nuckles



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**Sent:** 11/24/2023 6:41:50 PM  
**To:** Seifert, Katherine (Kate) R. (b)(6) [redacted]@debevoise.com]  
**CC:** (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted]; DAVIDSON, JONATHAN  
(b)(6) [redacted]; MEYER, JONATHAN  
(b)(6) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Information Request

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Kate,

Hope you had a great thanksgiving! (b)(5) [redacted]  
(b)(5) [redacted]

(b)(6) [redacted]  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
(b)(6) [redacted]



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November 18, 2024

**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: [samueledewey@sedchambers.com](mailto:samueledewey@sedchambers.com)**

Samuel Everett Dewey, Esq.  
Chambers of Samuel Everett Dewey, LLC.  
2200 12<sup>th</sup> Court North 609  
Arlington, VA 22201

**Re: Kim Lain. v. DHS**  
**2024-cv-00037 (2024-HQLI-00026)**  
**Third Interim Response (November 2024)**

Dear Mr. Dewey:

This is the third response to the February 2, 2024, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) complaint filed against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that pertains to your FOIA request dated April 6, 2023 (2023-HQFO-01333).

For this production, DHS reviewed four hundred and four (404) pages that were potentially responsive to your request. Of those, two hundred and forty-three (243) pages are duplicative, and one hundred and sixty-one (161) pages have been withheld in part, pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

The one hundred and sixty-one (161) pages are numbered DHS-0100-00037-000065 to DHS-0100-00037-000225.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Trial Attorney, Faith E. Lowry at [Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov](mailto:Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric A. Neuschaefter".

Eric A. Neuschaefter  
Senior Director  
FOIA Litigation, Appeals, Policy, and Training

Enclosure: 161 pages



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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 1:27:29 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature  
**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed.pdf; DHS Engagement Letter Fully Executed.pdf

FYI

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:27 PM  
**To:** 'Zakowich, Amanda D.' (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com> (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi Amanda,

Thanks! Please see attached the countersigned (b)(5) and Engagement Letter.

(b)(6) will be in touch tomorrow for scheduling the post-award conference next week and identifying your firm's attendees and the COR ((b)(6)) will also likely be reaching out on next steps for the security forms.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Paula and (b)(6)

Here are the two signed documents. Thank you.

Amanda

On Jan 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

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Attached is the updated (b)(6) with the correct Phone Number from below.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:55 PM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>

Cc: (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Ok, I'm stepping out for a bit, but (b)(5) will update and send the revised form soon.

From: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:54 PM  
To: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Let's list the general number: (b)(6)

Amanda D. Zakowich | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (b)(6)  
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From: Nusbaum, Paula [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 17:52  
To: Zakowich, Amanda D.  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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(b)(5)  
we can update if you let us know which number to use instead.

(b)(5)

From: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:41 PM  
To: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Does it matter that the phone number there (b)(6)'s number and you removed him from Block 17? Also, I think I told you this previously, but (b)(6) is in DC, although I wanted to keep the NY office address since that is our main operating entity and what we already have set up in SAM

Amanda D. Zakowich | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (b)(6)  
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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 17:34  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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Sorry hit send too soon ... yes, we need Block 30 a/b/c completed and signed and the engagement letter.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:33 PM  
**To:** 'Zakowich, Amanda D.' <(b)(6)@com>  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi Amanda, Please see attached. It is a system limitation (shows up with "&" in the system but not on the form) but we manually added the "&". Address has also been corrected.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:21 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Paula – The only other thing I noted is that the "&" is missing from our name. Not sure if that's an error or some sort of limitation in non-alphabet characters? Other than that, all looks good.

Just to make sure we get this right – once you send me a corrected (b)(5) with our new office address, (b)(6) will need to sign, print and date in block 30 and also sign our engagement letter. Anything else?

Thanks,  
Amanda

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**Amanda D. Zakowich** | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP | (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 16:20  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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Ok, we'll make that change, but hold off to see if there are any other comments/questions on the

(b)(5)

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. <(b)(6).com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:05 PM

**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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Paula,

I just opened this to take a peek between meetings, and I see a change that needs to be made. Our firm moved offices on 1/17 and so the address is incorrect. New address is in my signature. See below.

**Amanda D. Zakowich** | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

(b)(6)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 14:40

**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.

**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)

**Subject:** Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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Hi Amanda,

Please see attached the award for your firm's review and signature.

Paula

Paula Nusbaum

Division Director/Contracting Officer

Department of Homeland Security

Office of Procurement Operations

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
[REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/26/2023 5:30:26 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**CC:** [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Updated Docs  
**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002.pdf; Attachment I - Statement of Work\_Final.docx; Attachment II - Clauses.docx; Attachment III - Labor Rates\_Final.docx; DHS engagement letter\_Final01262023.docx; Award Determination and Pricing Analysis\_70RDAD23C00000003\_Redlined.docx

Hi Charlene,

Please see attached the updated docs, including the draft award package and the procurement summary. Please review and let us know if corrections are required.

Thanks!  
Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [ (b)(6) ]  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/13/2023 8:42:53 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [ (b)(6) ]  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Ok sending back now.

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**From:** Storino, Charlene [ (b)(6) ]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 3:39 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula < [ (b)(6) ] >  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula < [ (b)(6) ] >  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 3:31 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [ (b)(6) ]  
**Cc:** [ (b)(6) ]  
**Subject:** FW: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Let me know if you have any feedback on the responses below. Can you also take a look at the attached (b)(5) Want to make sure you agree with (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [ (b)(6) ]@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 2:50 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula < [ (b)(6) ] >  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Paula,

We are giving everything a final review. I did have two quick follow up questions that I will send along now to keep things moving:

(b)(5)



Amanda  
**Debevoise  
& Plimpton**

Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 14:41  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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Hi Amanda, just confirming you're still reviewing on your end and that you'll let me know when there are no additional comments. Wasn't sure based on the email below if it was just one follow-up clarification or if it was just a initial question.

Thanks!  
Paula

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 11:00 AM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Amanda,

Thanks for following up. Apologize for the confusion, your interpretation below is correct.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 10:53 AM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

Thank you. I've got one clarification question based on a comment in response to my question

(b)(5)

(b)(5)



(b)(5)

Can you clarify this please?

(b)(5)

Thank you

**Debevoise  
& Plimpton**

Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
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Thanks,  
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Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)



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**Sent:** 1/12/2023 8:00:28 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Let's put in (b)(5)

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

According to the (b)(5) Where did you want to put that information in the contract? (b)(5) Attachment II?

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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
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Ok, thanks – was told the same by my leadership.

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Please update when you get the chance.

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Paula,

I see that the draft award is addressed to (b)(6) the firm's Controller, and most likely the person we have designated in our SAM registration as a billing contact: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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Ok, hopefully OCIO gets back to us soon ... feel like we're getting close.

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Perfect. One item we can cross off the list!

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**Sent:** 1/11/2023 3:06:21 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002  
**Attachments:** ATT\_II\_Clauses\_70RDAD23C00000002 (DP comments 1.10.23) v2.docx

Hi Charlene,

Please see attached with some additional input from me. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Paula

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**From:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 9:51 AM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Comments in attached. I can't answer anything related to the (b)(5)

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**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

Attached are my comments on the Terms [redacted] (b)(5)

(b)(5)

We'd also be happy to discuss any follow-up questions Kenneth and Hemant may have about our [redacted] (b)(5) about which [redacted] (b)(6) provided some additional information earlier this evening.

Thank you.

Amanda

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**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** [redacted] (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
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Just sent the invite – may not take an hour but setup for that length in case that amount of time is needed. Ken Bible and Hemant Baidwan on the invite are from our CIO/CISO office. Charlene from our OGC office – checking with her if more POCs from her office need to be added.

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [redacted] (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 8:01 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Cc:** [redacted] (b)(6); Burwell, Carter [redacted] (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

Please also include Carter on the invite. Thank you.



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**To:** 'Nusbaum, Paula'  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Thanks, Paula. Confirming that we can be available at 1:00 tomorrow. In addition to me, please include the following people from Debevoise on the invite:

Karen Levy ((b)(6)@debevoise.com), Global Director of Technology  
Eric Puente ((b)(6)@debevoise.com), Head of Global Information Security  
JoyEllen Snellgrove ((b)(6)@debevoise.com), Technology Risk & Compliance Manager

Thank you, and look forward to speaking tomorrow.

Amanda

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**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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Amanda

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**Sent:** 1/9/2023 10:04:04 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
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Could you please let me know when you and representative(s) from (b)(5) would be available tomorrow? Any time should work for us except 10:00-10:30. On our end participants would include, me and representatives(s) from our CIO and OGC offices. Once we set a time, I can send out a Teams invite if that works for you.

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(b)(6)  
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Ok let's plan to meet at 11:00.

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 7, 2023 8:26:03 AM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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There's a meeting at 10am (b)(5)

I am free before my 10am meeting and then between 10:30-12 on Monday.

Charlene

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**From:** Swartz, Neal; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/10/2023 8:11:57 PM  
**To:** MEYER, JONATHAN; (b)(6)  
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(b)(6); O'CONNOR, MICHAEL  
**CC:** Palmer, David; (b)(6)  
(b)(6); Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: Special Project: Engagement Letter and Questions

I just sent out a TEAMS invite for 5.

Thank you,  
Neal

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 2:51 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>; DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>; MEYER,  
JONATHAN <(b)(6)>; O'CONNOR, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
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**Cc:** Palmer, David <(b)(6)> Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)>  
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Thanks all.

Mike O and Neal – please let me know if you have any additional comments or edits.

(b)(5)

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**To:** MEYER, JONATHAN <(b)(6)>; O'CONNOR, MICHAEL <(b)(6)> Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>; Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Palmer, David <(b)(6)>; Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)>  
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**From:** MEYER, JONATHAN <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** O'CONNOR, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>; Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>; Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)> DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Palmer, David <(b)(6)> Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)>  
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Happy to discuss if helpful.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 1:28 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)> Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>; DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)> MEYER, JONATHAN <(b)(6)>  
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Mike

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I agree with (b)(5)

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**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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(b)(5)

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(b)(5)

Thank you.

Amanda

**Debevoise  
& Plimpton**

Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

(b)(6)

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**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
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Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/7/2023 1:59:32 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Special Project: Engagement Letter and Questions

Thanks  
(b)(5)  
Mike

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**From:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 7, 2023 8:22:46 AM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>; Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>; MEYER, JONATHAN <(b)(6)>  
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Paula

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Division Director/Contracting Officer  
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Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)



**From:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/9/2023 1:55:08 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Project: Engagement Letter and Questions

Ok, (b)(5) We can update Jon at the 10.

Thank you,  
Neal

(b)(6)

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 8:53 AM  
**To:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6) DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Project: Engagement Letter and Questions

(b)(5)

**From:** Swartz (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 8:49 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6) DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
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Charlene,

(b)(5)

Thank you,

Neal

(b)(6)

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(b)(5)

DHS-001-00037-000152

REL0000231763

(b)(5)

Thank you.

Amanda

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Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations





**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/6/2023 3:12:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Storino, Charlene  
(b)(6) Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: COR Appointment Letter - Contract No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise & Plimpton LLP -Legal Support Services  
**Attachments:** COR Appointment Letter\_70RDAD23C00000002-DNS Signed.pdf

Hello (b)(6)

I have signed and attached the COR appointment letter.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank You,

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 6, 2023 9:35 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** COR Appointment Letter - Contract No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise & Plimpton LLP -Legal Support Services

Good Morning (b)(6)

Because you are now assigned as the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for Contract No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise & Plimpton LLP to provide Legal Support Services to DHS/OGC, attached is your COR Appointment Letter for this new contract.

When you get a chance, if you can digitally sign the attached letter/agreement and return a copy to me as soon as you are able I'll be sure to include in the final contract file.

Thanks (b)(6) - and feel free to reach out with any additional questions,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Contracting  
Department of Homeland Security | Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)  
(b)(6)



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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 3/31/2023 1:35:41 PM  
**To:** Mathias, Susan (b)(6)  
(b)(6) (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**CC:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Docs for Congressional Request  
**Attachments:** Package for Neal to Address Congressional Request.zip; RE: Docs for Congressional Request; M Davidson Memo To CO Final.pdf

Attached are the documents associated with the contract.

(b)(5)

Also attached is a legal opinion I provided

FYI

Mike

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Docs for Congressional Request

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**From:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 2:05 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) PARNES,  
JONATHAN <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6); Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Docs for Congressional Request

(b)(6)

and Jonathan,

Please find attached a zip file with the contracting file documents. Charlene itemized each below.

Thank you,

Neal

(b)(6)

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 12:18 PM

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To: Swartz, Neal (b)(6)  
Cc: DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
Subject: Docs for Congressional Request

Neal,

Here are the "final" documents in the Electronic Contract File System (ECFS) for our special project. I may have included more than what you are looking for. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

1. Purchase Request
2. Acquisition Plan
3. OCPO Memorandum Regarding Acquisition Planning Forecast System (APFS) Posting Not Required for Urgent Expert and Consultant Legal Services Contract
4. Market Research Report
5. Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE)
6. Inherently Governmental and Critical Functions Checklist
7. Homeland Security Acquisition Manual (HSAM) Appendix G – Safeguarding of Sensitive Information
8. Small Business Form
9. Determination and Findings (D&F) that no subcontracting opportunities exist
10. Email indicating Small Business PCR approval is not necessary
11. D&F for Personal Services Contract
12. D&F for Use of Options
13. D&F for Time and Materials (T&M) contract
14. D&F to Exceed One Year under FAR 6.302-2
15. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Nomination Letter
16. COR Nomination Package (goes with the letter)
17. COR Appointment Letter
18. Individual FAR Deviation for T&M for a Commercial Contract
19. Debevoise Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) assessment
20. Debevoise DUNS information
21. Debevoise System Award Management (SAM) information
22. Award Determining and Pricing Analysis
23. Award
24. Attachment 1 – Statement of Work (SOW)
25. Attachment 2 – Clauses
26. Attachment 3 – Labor Rates
27. DHS 11000-6
28. Engagement Letter
29. Debevoise SAM
30. Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) Record
31. FPDS-NG Correction
32. Urgent and Compelling Justification and Approval (J&A)
33. SAM Posting Confirmation of J&A
34. OLC Opinion

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

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**From:** Davidson, Michael (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 8/11/2023 8:46:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Storino, Charlene  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

I spoke with Paula

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**From:** Davidson, Michael  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

(b)(6)  
(b)(5)

Thank you  
Mike

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 11:38 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Michael (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Miller,  
Bjorn (b)(6) Stewart, Korrina  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hello Michael,

Attached is the OPO response provided on 4/11/2023 associated with the subject FOIA tasker.

(b)(6)  
Program Analyst  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (OCPO)  
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<(b)(6)> Stewart, Korrina <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Thanks Paula

Waiting on FOIA

Thank you

Mike

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<(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)> Miller, Bjorn <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Attached is the response that OPO provided, although we are not kept in the loop on the final decision on what to disclose/provide to the requester.

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<(b)(6)> >; Miller, Bjorn <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>  
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<(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 8:47 AM  
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<(b)(6)> >; Miller, Bjorn <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)> >; Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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**From:** Davidson, Michael

**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 8:44 AM

**To:** [redacted] (b)(6)

**Cc:** Storino, Charlene [redacted] (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula [redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] (b)(6)

**Subject:** FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hi [redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] (b)(5)

Thank you in advance for your assistance

Mike

Michael J. Davidson  
Deputy Associate General Counsel,  
Acquisition and Procurement Law  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
NAC03-333  
Washington, DC 20528

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**From:** OPO.FOIAS [redacted] (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 2:08 PM

**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(6)

**C:** [redacted] (b)(6); MILLER, BJORN [redacted] (b)(6)

**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Good Afternoon Paula and [redacted] (b)(6)

Please find attached FOIA Request # 2023-HQFO-01056 pertaining to a request for documents associated with contract number(s): **70RDAD23C00000002**

The following actions are hereby requested of you and/or your office:

- Please conduct a search for the requested documents (see attached files) from HQ FOIA Office
- NOTE: Please let me know if the responsive documents associated with this request are voluminous (e.g. what is voluminous depends up on the records, i.e. 20 mods, but a



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- Complete the "Search Information Form" located at the bottom of the FOIA Office email under the red text and include with your submission of responsive documents.
- Provide the requested documents as described in the FOIA request below and forward to me for tracking and coordination at (b)(6)

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The Suspense Date for this request is: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this FOIA tasker.

Thank You!

**From:** FOIA@hq.dhs.gov <noreply@securerelease.us>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:57 AM

**To:** (b)(6); OPO.FOIAS (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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SUSPENSE April 5, 2023

RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056, (Chris Nelson)

Good day,

Attached is a FOIA request for Records and communications of U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials regarding contract number 70RDAD23C00000002, a direct award for legal services to Debevoise and Plimpton, LLC signed on January 26, 2023. This request includes:

- (1) a complete copy of the contract referenced above, complete with any attachments referenced therein
- (2) bid proposals related to the contract referenced above.
- (3) Documentation how the agency determined that the service is only available from one source (e.g., market survey results, independent agency research)



- (4) Information or communications relied upon to award a sole source, no bid contract.
- (5) Documentation (draft and final) required by FAR related to awarding this sole source, no bid contract.
- (6) Any legal opinions obtained in awarding this contract.

Please provide records from November 1, 2022 to present.

- Please conduct a search for responsive records (emails should be returned in native format, do not print or convert to pdf);
- Use the following search terms in addition to any other search terms that would likely produce records, depending on how your files are maintained: (TYPE SEARCH TERMS HERE);
- Complete the information below detailing the search;
- Email your response to me by COB April 5, 2023.

If you have any questions, or if the file is too large to email, please contact me.

Thank you for your help with this FOIA case.

Sincerely,

**(b)(6)**

Privacy Office FOIA, Mailstop 0655  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Main FOIA Number 202-343-1743

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Hi (b)(6)  
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Thank you in advance for your assistance  
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Michael J. Davidson  
Deputy Associate General Counsel,  
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General Law Division  
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**CC:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Good Morning Mike,

I'm no longer at DHS HQ but (b)(6) may be able to assist with this. If you need to contact with someone on the FOIA Intake team I would recommend contacting (b)(6)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) (CTR)

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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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Mike

**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2023 11:56 AM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 11:18 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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**From:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 10:53 AM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 10:51 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

(b)(5)

Thx  
Mike

**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:51 AM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

I am available today and tomorrow before 10 and from 11-12.

Charlene

**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:49 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Whats your availability in the next two days?

(b)(5)

Should also invite (b)(6) to the discussion

Thx  
Mike

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6); Wood, Alexander (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6); PARNES, JONATHAN (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Thanks Mike (b)(5)

**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
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How can we assist?

**From:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:54 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Palmer, David (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine (b)(6) Saltalamachea,

Michael (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Mike D.,  
Can you work with (b)(6) on this.

Thank you,  
Neal

(b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Thanks. Neal (b)(5)

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**From:** Palmer, David (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:06 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6); Swartz, Neal (b)(6); Saltalamachea, Michael (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Adding (b)(6) Neal, and Mike Salt at (b)(5)  
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David J. Palmer  
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**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Palmer, David (b)(6)  
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Best  
Katherine



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**From:** (b)(6)  
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**To:** Wood, Alexander (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine (b)(6); Palmer, David (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fw: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hello

(b)(6) (b)(5). Charlene is out of the office until Friday, (b)(5)  
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Thank you

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Good Evening Charlene and (b)(6)

**(b)(5)**

(b)(5)

Thanks both,

(b)(6)

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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)  
**Attachments:** START HERE\_FOIA Exemption Guide - 2023-HQFO-01056.docx

Hey Charlene,

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Thanks Charlene,

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2023 11:18 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

(b)(6) and Paula,

(b)(5)

Charlene

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 3:37 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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Thanks Charlene,

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**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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So Mike and I think (b)(5)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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Ok, thanks Charlene <(b)(5)>  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:57 AM

**To:** (b)(6), OPO.FOIAS <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**CC:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Thank You!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 12:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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(b)(6) – you shouldn't have any pre-award documents that would relate to this request.

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**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hi Charlene,

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Thank You

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:59 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
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Let us coordinate on our end first and then we'll get back to you, probably next week.

Charlene

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:09 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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(b)(6) Contracting  
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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) Storino, Charlene  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)  
**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002\_OGC Comments - Disposition.docx

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Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
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(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 3/30/2023 12:53:33 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Wood, Alexander  
Davidson, Michael  
**CC:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Those times work for me.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:41 AM  
**To:** Wood, Alexander (b)(6); DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6); PARNES, JONATHAN (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

That works for me.

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**From:** Wood, Alexander (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:20:47 AM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6); PARNES, JONATHAN (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Tomorrow is better for me – either before 10 or 11-11:30.

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:56 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Wood, Alexander (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6); PARNES, JONATHAN (b)(6);  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Does today and tomorrow before 10 and from 11-12 work?  
Thx  
Mike

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6); Wood, Alexander (b)(6)

Cc: Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)> PARNES, JONATHAN <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Thanks Mike. (b)(5)

From: DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:17 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Cc: Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
Subject: FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

How can we assist?

From: Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:54 AM  
To: (b)(6) DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
Cc: Palmer, David <(b)(6)> Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)> Saltalamachea, Michael <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Mike D.,  
Can you work with (b)(6) on this.

Thank you,  
Neal  
(b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:05 AM  
To: Palmer, David <(b)(6)>; Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)>; STEWART, DANIELLE <(b)(6)>; Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>; Saltalamachea, Michael <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Thanks. Neal (b)(5)

From: Palmer, David <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:06 PM  
To: Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)>; Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>; Saltalamachea, Michael <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Adding (b)(6) Neal, and Mike Salt (b)(5)  
(b)(5)



David J. Palmer  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

**From:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
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**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Palmer, David (b)(6)  
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(b)(6)

(b)(5)

Best  
Katherine

**Katherine Aquavia Thomas**  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the General Counsel  
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**To:** Wood, Alexander (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine (b)(6); Palmer, David (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fw: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hello

(b)(6) (b)(5) Charlene is out of the office until Friday (b)(5)

(b)(5) A copy of the email is provided below.

(b)(5)

Thank you

(b)(6)



**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:08 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Good Evening Charlene and (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Let me know if you both have some time on Thursday or Friday AM to set up a call to discuss (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

Thanks both,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)



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**From:** OPO.FOIAS <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); MILLER, BJORN (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Good Afternoon Paula and (b)(6)

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**From:** FOIA@hq.dhs.gov <noreply@securerelease.us>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:57 AM

**To:** (b)(6), OPO.FOIAS <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)

**Subject:** FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

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Thank you for your help with this FOIA case.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

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**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula; [Redacted] (b)(6); [Redacted] (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Hi Paul,

[Redacted] (b)(5)

Thank you

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:08:37 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene; [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

Good Evening Charlene and [Redacted]

[Redacted] (b)(5)

[Redacted] (b)(5)

Let me know if you both have some time on Thursday or Friday AM to set up a call to discuss, and perhaps [Redacted] (b)(5)

[Redacted] (b)(5)

Thanks both.

[Redacted]

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**From:** OPO.FOIAS [redacted]  
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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** [redacted] MILLER, BJORN [redacted]  
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**Sent:** 3/28/2023 9:23:09 PM  
**To:** Swartz, Neal [redacted]  
**CC:** Storino, Charlene [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)  
**Attachments:** 1130359-20230322105649510.zip

[redacted] (b)(5)  
FYSA

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**From:** Storino, Charlene [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:20 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: FOIA Request #2023-HQFO-01056 (Chris Nelson)

FYI

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
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[redacted] (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 7/6/2023 2:17:50 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Debevoise Invoices - March - May 2023 Service - 07/05/23

Ok, will pass along to (b)(6) (b)(5)  
(b)(5)  
(b)(5)

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 8:14 AM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Debevoise Invoices - March - May 2023 Service - 07/05/23

(b)(5)

Charlene

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 8:07 AM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene  
**Subject:** FW: Debevoise Invoices - March - May 2023 Service - 07/05/23

Paula  
Have you seen these?  
Thx  
Mike

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**From:** Inscho, Brent (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2023 4:02 PM  
**To:** Consolidation, Invoice MGT (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6); Moody, Anna (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** Debevoise Invoices - March - May 2023 Service - 07/05/23

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Hi,  
  
Please find three invoices attached for services rendered through May 2023. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these documents please let us know.

Thanks,  
Brent

# Debevoise & Plimpton

**Brent M. Inscho** (he/him/his)  
Billing Team Lead

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**Sent:** 3/31/2023 7:22:25 PM  
**To:** Mathias, Susan (b)(6); Davidson, Michael  
(b)(6); Wood, Alexander  
(b)(6)  
**CC:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Docs for Congressional Request  
**Attachments:** 34 - Memo to DHS re impeachment representation 2023-01-04 final.pdf; JA+No.+FY23-021++Legal+Services+(Redacted).pdf

In the interest of time (b)(5)  
(b)(5)  
(b)(5)

Any objection?

Alex, Aeron has an out of office. (b)(5) (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

Thanks,  
(b)(6)

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**From:** Mathias, Susan (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2023 9:38 AM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Docs for Congressional Request

Thanks!

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2023 9:35:41 AM  
**To:** Mathias, Susan (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Docs for Congressional Request

Attached are the documents associated with the contract.  
(b)(5)

Also attached is a legal opinion I provided

FYI

Mike

**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Docs for Congressional Request

**From:** Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 2:05 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); PARNES, JONATHAN <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>; Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Docs for Congressional Request

(b)(6) and Jonathan,

Please find attached a zip file with the contracting file documents. Charlene itemized each below.

Thank you,  
Neal  
(b)(6)

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**From:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 12:18 PM  
**To:** Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Docs for Congressional Request

Neal,

Here are the "final" documents in the Electronic Contract File System (ECFS) for our special project. I may have included more than what you are looking for. (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

1. Purchase Request
2. Acquisition Plan
3. OCPO Memorandum Regarding Acquisition Planning Forecast System (APFS) Posting Not Required for Urgent Expert and Consultant Legal Services Contract
4. Market Research Report
5. Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE)
6. Inherently Governmental and Critical Functions Checklist
7. Homeland Security Acquisition Manual (HSAM) Appendix G – Safeguarding of Sensitive Information
8. Small Business Form
9. Determination and Findings (D&F) that no subcontracting opportunities exist
10. Email indicating Small Business PCR approval is not necessary
11. D&F for Personal Services Contract
12. D&F for Use of Options
13. D&F for Time and Materials (T&M) contract
14. D&F to Exceed One Year under FAR 6.302-2



15. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Nomination Letter
16. COR Nomination Package (goes with the letter)
17. COR Appointment Letter
18. Individual FAR Deviation for T&M for a Commercial Contract
19. Debevoise Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) assessment
20. Debevoise DUNS information
21. Debevoise System Award Management (SAM) information
22. Award Determining and Pricing Analysis
23. Award
24. Attachment 1 – Statement of Work (SOW)
25. Attachment 2 – Clauses
26. Attachment 3 – Labor Rates
27. DHS 11000-6
28. Engagement Letter
29. Debevoise SAM
30. Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) Record
31. FPDS-NG Correction
32. Urgent and Compelling Justification and Approval (J&A)
33. SAM Posting Confirmation of J&A
34. OLC Opinion

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
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**(b)(6)**

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December 11, 2024

**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: [samueledewey@sedchambers.com](mailto:samueledewey@sedchambers.com)**

Samuel Everett Dewey, Esq.  
Chambers of Samuel Everett Dewey, LLC.  
2200 12<sup>th</sup> Court North 609  
Arlington, VA 22201

**Re: Kim Lain. v. DHS  
2024-cv-00037 (2024-HQLI-00026)  
Fourth Interim Response (December 2024)**

Dear Mr. Dewey:

This is the fourth response to the February 2, 2024, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) complaint filed against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that pertains to your FOIA request dated April 6, 2023 (2023-HQFO-01333).

For this production, DHS reviewed three hundred and ninety-four (394) pages that were potentially responsive to your request. Of those, two hundred and thirty-one (231) pages are duplicative, and one hundred and sixty-three (163) pages have been withheld in part, pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6). Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

The one hundred and sixty-three (163) pages are numbered DHS-0100-00037-000226 to DHS-0100-00037-000388.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Trial Attorney, Faith E. Lowry at [Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov](mailto:Faith.E.Lowry@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric A. Neuschaefer".

Eric A. Neuschaefer  
Senior Director  
FOIA Litigation, Appeals, Policy, and Training

Enclosure: 163 pages



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**Sent:** 1/12/2023 7:39:41 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

According to the engagement letter, (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Let me check if OGC and the FO are good with a Monday start and not a get going on Saturday start.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:32 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:31 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Updated to reference: (b)(6) in Box 17a ...

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:25 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Please update when you get the chance.

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:19 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

I see that the draft award is addressed to (b)(6) is the firm's Controller, and most likely the person we have designated in our SAM registration as a billing contact. (b)(5)

(b)(6)

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Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

(b)(6)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 14:05  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Thanks, I have forwarded to the Program Office. Charlene and I just went over the revisions and response to comments on the SOW/Clauses and need to follow-up with the OCIO office but should be follow-up within the next hour or so.

FYI, I'm technically out of the office tomorrow but will be monitoring closely to close on any final issues and to award.

Paula

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:57 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

See attached for my feedback on your edits to our engagement letter (b)(5)

(b)(5)

I understand from (b)(6) and Carter that we need to have this finalized by tomorrow so that work can begin. The biggest thing we are waiting on, from our perspective, is your response to our comments on the contract. Do you have an update on when we can expect that?

We are ready to help move this forward in whatever way we can. Thank you.

Amanda

**Debevoise  
& Plimpton**

Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 18:24  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Thanks – will need to discuss with a few individuals internally to provide a full response on the remaining comments. In the interim, just wanted to clarify for (b)(5) that this document and the others listed, would

(b)(5)

(b)(5) At this point, based on the further discussions that have occurred since Friday, can you please let me know which positions (as outlined in the (b)(5) proposal) the firm consider (b)(5)

(b)(5)

We have an internal meeting scheduled at 11:30 tomorrow to discuss (b)(5) as a result, we may need to then setup another meeting with your firm and relevant parties for discuss further.

Attached is the also the (b)(5) based on your feedback and the Engagement Letter with our comments. Still owe you the response to your comments on the Clauses which should be provided tomorrow morning/early afternoon.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:01 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Paula,

I have just a couple of follow up questions in the attached. I have accepted everything else where we are aligned. Thank you.

Amanda

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 14:16  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** [(b)(6)]; Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Please see the attached response and revisions on the SOW. I also merged in the terms and comments from the "Additional SOW ADMIN Terms" document. Let me know if we can finalize this document or if you would like to discuss.

DHS is pending a response on the [(b)(5)] but I'm waiting to receive comments from all the relevant parties [(b)(5)] [(b)(5)]

(b)(5)

[(b)(5)] Just wanted to provide initial feedback on that but we can discuss in more detail when we send the version back with our responses to each comment.

Thanks,  
Paula

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 8, 2023 11:28 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [(b)(6)]  
**Cc:** [(b)(6)]; Burwell, Carter [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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Hi Paula,

I am still working through Attachment II, but in the meantime, I wanted to pass along some questions and comments I had on the other documents, as well as an updated SOW. I went ahead and accepted all of the track changes where we were in agreement, and we are down to a handful of outstanding points there. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Thank you.  
Amanda

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Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

(b)(6)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2023 17:20  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

It was nice speaking with your this morning. As a follow-up, I'm attaching the rest of the draft award for your firm's review. We initially had planned to wait for the (b)(5)

(b)(5)

We identified a few additional standard terms that are relevant for this contract and so included an "Additional SOW ADMIN Terms" attachment. We didn't want to throw off the version control on the SOW since you are in the process of providing a response but next time we update we'll add these terms related to (b)(5) 've also attached a copy of our (b)(5)

Let me know if you have any questions and/or if you need to setup another call on Monday to discuss further.

Thanks,  
Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/1/2023 1:29:42 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); (b)(6); Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com; Storino, Charlene (b)(6); (b)(6); MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Post Award Conference - Contract No. 70RDAD23C00000003 with Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and DHS  
**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002- PAC\_Debevoise\_02.01.23.docx  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Start:** 2/1/2023 6:00:00 PM  
**End:** 2/1/2023 7:00:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Required Attendees:** Nusbaum, Paula; (b)(6); Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com; Burwell, Carter; Storino, Charlene; MEYER, JONATHAN; Swartz, Neal  
**Optional Attendees:** (b)(6)

Attaching the agenda for this afternoon Post Award Conference between Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and DHS

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/30/2023 12:06:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula  
**Subject:** RE: Debevoise contract

(b)(6) is the COR. I checked her calendar, and it seems she's available tomorrow from 1-2. I had Jon Meyer's, the General Counsel's, executive assistant block off some times. She blocked off Tuesday from 1-3 and from Wednesday 1-3 for now. We just need to let him know the exact time if we want him to participate in the post-award conference.

I'm in a leadership course this week for most of the day each day, but if you need me, I'll try to jump out for the post-award meeting.

Charlene

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**From:** Storino, Charlene  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 10:45 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Debevoise contract

I don't think they were planning answering any procedural or contractual questions so I think the meeting this afternoon would be in addition to the PAC.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 10:41 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Debevoise contract

Although Paula is OOO, I know she is still checking emails and may want to be included depending on the time.

But regardless, please invite me and I'll attend to address any admin/contractual matter. And can backbrief Paula if necessary.

Assuming this afternoon's meeting will be in lieu of a potential PAC next week – right?

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 10:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Debevoise contract

Paula and Matt,

FYSA –

OGC GC, Jon Meyer, and a bunch of folks in the Front Office are scheduling a meeting with Debevoise for this afternoon.

(b)(5)

Don't have a time on when that meeting will be, just heard this afternoon.



Did one of you want to be part of that meeting? I can get Jon to make sure you're invited.

Charlene

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(5)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 3:43:57 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Fully Executed Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

No idea. Lauren Simpkins? She's the one that worked on the PR.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 10:41 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Fully Executed Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Thanks Charlene – who should this been sent to in OCFO? We just want to make sure the award is being processed in the financial system so the obligation is recorded. Let us know if you prefer to provide to OCFO directly.

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 9:59 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Fully Executed Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Thanks (b)(6)

I sent a copy of the contract and engagement letter absent the attachments to (b)(6) and others in OGC early this morning so they know award was made. (b)(5)

I sent (b)(6) (b)(6) info to get the EOD process started and (b)(5) is on standby to process the DHS 11000-25 once they receive it.

We'll get back to you on who should be part of the PAC.

Thanks for your and Paula's work on this.

Charlene

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 9:52 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fully Executed Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Good Morning Charlene and (b)(6)

Happy Friday – we were able to execute Contract Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise yesterday evening – attached is the fully executed award. I plan on making the official internal distribution out later this morning.

Since Paula and I don't usually do MGMT/OGC award distributions for DOAD, I reached out to a few DOAD team members -

(b)(5)

(b)(6) However, let me know if there is anyone else at the FO/OGC/MGT you would like me to include on the internal distribution email chain for awareness.

Also is there are issue

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

I'm also going to reach out to the vendor later this AM and copy (b)(6) as an introduction and so they can get the EOD process started with their personnel. I'm going to request some blocks of availability from their team for early next week to hold a Post Award Conference. Paula is OOO until Tuesday - so let me know what blocks of availability you and your team have for the PAC starting on Tuesday next week - and let me know who from your team should be included in the PAC.

Thanks both - and have a great weekend,

(b)(6)

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 3:03:32 PM  
**To:** MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Swartz, Neal  
(b)(6) DAVIDSON, MICHAEL  
**CC:** Palmer, David (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6) Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** Special Project - Post Award Conference Attendance for Next Week  
**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed.pdf; Attachment I - Statement of Work 1-26-23.pdf; Attachment II - Clauses 1-26-23.pdf; Attachment III - Labor Rates 1-26-23.pdf; DHS Engagement Letter Fully Executed.pdf

Everyone,

Full copy of the contract is attached. The CO wants to setup a post award conference with Debevoise early next week. Couple of questions:

1. Who do you want to be part of that post award conference (discuss next steps for entry on duty (EOD), what work they should start on, expectations, etc.)?
2. Who should the CO work with to figure out what times starting on Tuesday (CO is out of the office on Monday) are available for those attendees at the post award conference?

Charlene

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** 1/13/2023 2:42:23 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
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Engagement Letter

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Hi Charlene,

Please see attached – I've added my comments. Let me know on the non-OCIO responses if you agree or recommend a different response. I'll email OCIO now on the items that require their input.

Paula

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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
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Paula,

Attached are our remaining few comments on each of (b)(5) I went ahead and cleaned these up so that the redlines and comments relating to points we have agreed on are now removed.

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If there is anything that we think can be more efficiently resolved on a call tomorrow, please let me know and I can certainly arrange that. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Amanda

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Paula

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Paula,

Based on a quick skim this looks like the version you sent me yesterday. Is there a new response to what I sent over this afternoon? Thanks

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Paula

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Hi Amanda,

I'm still waiting for some additional clarification on the (b)(5) (highlighted in yellow) but didn't want to hold off any longer on sending back the rest of the responses. I'll follow-up when we have more clarification for that highlighted comment.



In terms of (b)(5) we did want to follow-up and make sure the firm understands that for (b)(5)  
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(b)(5) we just wanted to make sure this was clear upfront.

On the (b)(5) we also plan to add language related to the (b)(5) —you'll see this when the award is sent for signature, but also wanted to make sure it's highlighted to avoid any surprises toward the end.

OGC is working through the engagement letter comments and we plan to get back to you soon.

Thanks,  
Paula

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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
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Amanda

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**Attachments:** DHS Form 11000-6 NDA v4.pdf

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**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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Attached are my comments on the Terms. As you'll see, I have several questions about the applicability of some of the (b)(5) requirements (b)(5)

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We'd also be happy to discuss any follow-up questions Kenneth and Hemant may have about our (b)(5) (b)(5) about which (b)(6) provided some additional information earlier this evening.

Thank you.

Amanda

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**Cc:** (b)(6) Burwell, Carter  
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Just sent the invite – may not take an hour but setup for that length in case that amount of time is needed. Ken Bible and Hemant Baidwan on the invite are from our CIO/CISO office. Charlene from our OGC office – checking with her if more POCs from her office need to be added.

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Thanks, Paula. Confirming that we can be available at 1:00 tomorrow. In addition to me, please include the following people from Debevoise on the invite:

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(b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com), Head of Global Information Security

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@debevoise.com), Technology Risk & Compliance Manager

Thank you, and look forward to speaking tomorrow.

Amanda

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Thanks for the update. I am checking with the relevant folks from our side. Tentatively, it looks like we should be able to meet at 1:00, but I am confirming that and will come back to you as soon as I am sure.

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In the meantime, if you were able to provide even a very high level agenda tomorrow morning so that we can be prepared with the information you are interested in, that would be helpful.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 17:04  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

We're still internally discussing some of the requirements based on your firms' comments/feedback but in the meantime we are requesting to setup a meeting to gain a better understanding of your firm's (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Could you please let me know when you and representative(s) from you (b)(5) would be available tomorrow? Any time should work for us except 10:00-10:30. On our end participants would include, me and representatives(s) from our CIO and OGC offices. Once we set a time, I can send out a Teams invite if that works for you.

Thanks,  
Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 8, 2023 11:28 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) >; Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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Hi Paula,

I am still working through Attachment II, but in the meantime, I wanted to pass along some questions and comments I had on the other documents, as well as an updated SOW. I went ahead and accepted all of the track changes where we



were in agreement, and we are down to a handful of outstanding points there. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Thank you.  
Amanda

## Debevoise & Plimpton

Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

(b)(6)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2023 17:20  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

It was nice speaking with your this morning. As a follow-up, I'm attaching the rest of the draft award for your firm's review. We initially had planned to wait for the (b)(5)

(b)(5)

We identified a few additional standard terms that are relevant for this contract and so included an "Additional SOW ADMIN Terms" attachment. We didn't want to throw off the version control on the SOW since you are in the process of providing a response but next time we update we'll add these terms related (b)(5) I've also attached (b)(5)

Let me know if you have any questions and/or if you need to setup another call on Monday to discuss further.

Thanks,  
Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)



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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/14/2023 9:08:52 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

She's talking about the Debevoise contract.

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**From:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

What legal services contract did we just receive today?

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**From:** Van Houten, Ann (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:05 PM  
**To:** DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6); Storino, Charlene (b)(6); Swartz, (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Short, Victoria (b)(6); Ritter, David (b)(6); COURTNEY, PAUL (b)(6); Ferraro, Nina (b)(6); Toris, Randy (b)(6); Marcott, Stacy (b)(6); Hymowitz, Emily (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Mike and Charlene,

I know you just got the legal services contract to review today (b)(5)  
(b)(5) Please coordinate with Randy on when you can clear the the contract and OPO will provide a copy to OCFO.

Please note below that OCFO is doing the hard task of working this through the clearance process and will make sure OLA and OPA have copies of what is sent.

Thank you OGC for preparing the TPs (b)(5)

Ann

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**From:** Toris, Randy (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:57 PM  
**To:** Van Houten, Ann (b)(6); Short, Victoria (b)(6); Hymowitz, Emily (b)(6); DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Hi Ann!

(b)(5)

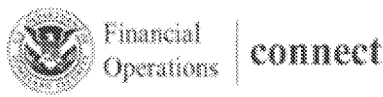
Timeline? (b)(5) We'll, of course, need to get this cleared by MGMT and OMB, so, that is going to eat up a few days each. All that said, can we shoot for the VERY latest this Friday?

(b)(5)

Randy

Randy Toris  
Director, Financial Operations  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)



**From:** Van Houten, Ann <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** Toris, Randy <(b)(6)>; Short, Victoria <(b)(6)>; Hymowitz, Emily <(b)(6)>  
DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

(b)(5) OGC is reviewing it (b)(5)

Understand we need to be responsive. What is the (b)(5) questions can you share them with the team (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks

Ann

**From:** Swartz, Neal <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 10:45 AM  
**To:** Van Houten, Ann <(b)(6)> DAVIDSON, MICHAEL <(b)(6)> Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** COURTNEY, PAUL <(b)(6)>; Ferraro, Nina <(b)(6)> Hall, Polly <(b)(6)>; Short, Victoria <(b)(6)>; Ritter, David <(b)(6)>  
Toris, Randy <(b)(6)> Marcott, Stacy <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Ann,

(b)(5)

Thank you,

Neal

(b)(6)

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**From:** Van Houten, Ann (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 4:38 PM  
**To:** Swartz, Neal (b)(6); DAVIDSON, MICHAEL (b)(6); Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
**Cc:** COURTNEY, PAUL (b)(6); Ferraro, Nina (b)(6); Hall, Polly (b)(6); Short, Victoria (b)(6); Ritter, David (b)(6); Toris, Randy (b)(6); Marcott, Stacy (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Neal, Mike, Charlene,

Please see the bottom of this email. OCFO has received the first congressional inquiry regarding the Secretary's legal support contract.

(b)(5)

Vicky and I met with Emily Hymowitz to make sure OLA (non-approps) is aware of the inquiry and aware that (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Ann

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**From:** Toris, Randy (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 12:43 PM  
**To:** COURTNEY, PAUL (b)(6); Short, Victoria (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Van Houten, Ann (b)(6); Simpkins, Lauren (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

Good afternoon Paul and Vicky!

Last week, Ann briefed the CPO slide to SAC-HS Minority for their MGMT 101 in-brief. Viraj, the new Minority Clerk, brought up the recent article on the S1 acquiring legal services (link below), and warned that they'd be coming back with a formal ask to hear more about it.

See his ask below. **ARE** you able to send a copy of the contract? If so, can I please ask that your team send that to me soonest?

Thank you!

Randy

Randy Toris

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Director, Financial Operations  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)



**From:** Mirani, Viraj (Appropriations) <Viraj\_Mirani@appro.senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 10:03 AM  
**To:** Toris, Randy <(b)(6)>; NUCKLES, DAVID <(b)(6)>; Tucker, Cierra <(b)(6)>; Toms, Christopher <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** White, Kamela (Appropriations) <Kamela\_White@appro.senate.gov>; Piatt, Jenn (Appropriations) <Jenn\_Piatt@appro.senate.gov>; Cook, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Cook@appro.senate.gov>; Anstine, Paul <Paul.Anstine@mail.house.gov>; Fischer, Anna Lanier <AnnaLanier.Fischer@mail.house.gov>; Joachim, Bob <Bob.Joachim@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Contract Info Request: Outside Counsel Contract for Potential Impeachment

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Hi Randy,

As I mentioned last week, we are looking to get some additional information on the contract announced with Debevoise & Plimpton late last week for legal services regarding a potential impeachment. The below news article shows a government summary with \$1.5 million already obligated for the firm in a contract started Jan. 26, with the potential for up to \$3 million.

As soon as possible, please provide us with a copy of the contract and any budgetary information, to include which PPA is paying for this contract. Please also let us know what activities are not being conducted from the FY23 Budget Request due to this expense. In addition, please provide us with information on what services, if any, are currently being provided in advance of congressional action on impeachment articles (for instance, is preparation work for Judiciary Committee hearings on immigration covered by this contract and/or being performed, or only work directly related to impeachment).

<https://rollcall.com/2023/02/10/homeland-security-hires-outside-lawyers-for-potential-impeachment/>

Thanks

Viraj

Viraj Mirani  
Senate Committee on Appropriations

(b)(6)



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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/15/2023 7:57:26 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Special Project - Proposed Redactions to SF (b)(5)  
**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed\_Proposed Redactions.pdf

(b)(6)

Here are the proposed redactions for the contract SF (b)(5) schedule B (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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Charlene

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/15/2023 3:40:57 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Special Project - Proposed Redactions to SF (b)(5)  
**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed\_Proposed Redactions.pdf

Any issues with the proposed redactions to the SF (b)(5) (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

Any concerns with the redactions? Missed something?

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/14/2023 8:27:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** DHS contract  
**Attachments:** Attachment I - Statement of Work 1-26-23.pdf; Attachment II - Clauses 1-26-23.pdf; Attachment III - Labor Rates 1-26-23.pdf; 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed.pdf

V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Storino, Charlene [(b)(6)]  
[(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 8/11/2023 11:14:37 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Michael [(b)(6)]  
[(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Attorney Contract  
**Attachments:** RE: Docs for Congressional Request; Docs for Congressional Request; RE: Docs for Congressional Request

We had the request from Congress (see attached)

There was a FOIA (see attached), but I don't know what was released in response to that FOIA.

J&A is public at - <https://sam.gov/opp/aedd21e04b17426a946a27d5a877ff65/view>

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**From:** Davidson, Michael [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 7:05 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [(b)(6)] v>  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney Contract

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**From:** Storino, Charlene [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 7:03:34 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Michael [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Attorney Contract

(b)(5)

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**From:** Davidson, Michael [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 7:03 AM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney Contract

(b)(5)

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**From:** Storino, Charlene [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 6:41:14 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Michael [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Attorney Contract

(b)(5)

Charlene

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**From:** Davidson, Michael [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 4:40 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** Attorney Contract

**(b)(5)**

Another agency has the same issue and Neal wants to send over the contractual documents.

I will look as well

Thx

Mike

Michael J. Davidson  
Deputy Associate General Counsel,  
Acquisition and Procurement Law  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
NAC 03-333  
Washington, DC 20528

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**Sent:** 1/13/2023 11:02:45 AM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula /o: (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Engagement Letter

(b)(5)

SOW

(b)(5)

Clauses

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 10:34 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Charlene,

Please see attached – I’ve added my comments. Let me know on the non-OCIO responses if you agree or recommend a different response. I’ll email OCIO now on the items that require their input.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D (b)(6) @debevoise.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 9:33 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6) @debevoise.com >  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

Attached are our remaining few comments on each of the (b)(5). I went ahead and cleaned these up so that the redlines and comments relating to points we have agreed on are now removed.

(b)(5)

If there is anything that we think can be more efficiently resolved on a call tomorrow, please let me know and I can certainly arrange that. Thank you.



Kind regards,  
Amanda

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Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula; (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 18:56  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Please see attached.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:48 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

Based on a quick skim this looks like the version you sent me yesterday. Is there a new response to what I sent over this afternoon? Thanks

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Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 17:43  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Please see response with comments/revisions on the engagement letter.

Paula

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:03 PM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Amanda,

I'm still waiting for some additional clarification on the (b)(5) or one of your comments (highlighted in yellow) but didn't want to hold off any longer on sending back the rest of the responses. I'll follow-up when we have more clarification for that highlighted comment.

In terms of (b)(5) we did want to follow-up and make sure the firm understands that (b)(5)

(b)(5)

On the (b)(5) we also plan to add language related to the (b)(5) (b)(5) —you'll see this when the award is sent for signature, but also wanted to make sure it's highlighted to avoid any surprises toward the end.

OGC is working through the engagement letter comments and we plan to get back to you soon.

Thanks,  
Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:57 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Paula,

See attached for my feedback on your edits to our engagement letter. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

I understand from (b)(6) and Carter that we need to have this finalized by tomorrow so that work can begin. The biggest thing we are waiting on, from our perspective, is your response to our comments on the contract. Do you have an update on when we can expect that?

We are ready to help move this forward in whatever way we can. Thank you.

Amanda

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& Plimpton**

Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 18:24  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Thanks – will need to discuss with a few individuals internally to provide a full response on the remaining comments. In the interim, just wanted to clarify (b)(5) that this document and the others listed, would

(b)(5)

(b)(5) At this point, based on the further discussions that have occurred since Friday, can you please let me know which positions (as outlined in the (b)(5) proposal) the firm considers (b)(5) (b)(5)

We have an internal meeting scheduled at 11:30 tomorrow to discuss (b)(5) as a result, we may need to then setup another meeting with your firm and relevant parties for discuss further.

Attached is the also the (b)(5) and the Engagement Letter with our comments. Still owe you the response to your comments on the Clauses which should be provided tomorrow morning/early afternoon.

Paula

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:01 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

Hi Paula,

I have just a couple of follow up questions in the attached. I have accepted everything else where we are aligned. Thank you.

Amanda

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Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

(b)(6)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 14:16  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Please see the attached response and revisions on the SOW. I also merged in the terms and comments from the "Additional SOW ADMIN Terms" document. Let me know if we can finalize this document or if you would like to discuss.

DHS is pending a response on (b)(5) but I'm waiting to receive comments from all the relevant parties (b)(5) (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5) Just wanted to provide initial feedback on that but we can discuss in more detail when we send the version back with our responses to each comment.

Thanks,  
Paula

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 8, 2023 11:28 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

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Hi Paula,

I am still working through Attachment II, but in the meantime, I wanted to pass along some questions and comments I had on the other documents, as well as an updated SOW. I went ahead and accepted all of the track changes where we were in agreement, and we are down to a handful of outstanding points there. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Thank you.  
Amanda

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Amanda D. Zakowich  
Associate General Counsel

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2023 17:20  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Burwell, Carter  
**Subject:** Legal Services - Draft Award 70RDAD23C00000002

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

It was nice speaking with you this morning. As a follow-up, I'm attaching the rest of the draft award for your firm's review. We initially had planned to wait for (b)(5)

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We identified a few additional standard terms that are relevant for this contract and so included an "Additional SOW ADMIN Terms" attachment. We didn't want to throw off the version control on the SOW since you are in the process of providing a response but next time we update we'll add these terms related (b)(5) I've also attached a copy of our (b)(5)



Let me know if you have any questions and/or if you need to setup another call on Monday to discuss further.

Thanks,  
Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)

Sent: 2/15/2023 3:34:59 PM  
To: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
CC: (b)(6)  
Subject: Project - Proposed Redactions to SF (b)(5)  
Attachments: 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed\_Proposed Redactions.pdf

Any issues with the proposed redactions to the SF (b)(5) (b)(5) it  
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V/R,

Charlene T. Storino  
Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Operations  
General Law Division  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 2:58:56 PM  
**To:** Storino, Charlene (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Fully Executed Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

I am out of the office and will return on January 31. For any urgent matters, please contact: Bjorn Miller, Associate Director, at (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/1/2023 3:59:09 PM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Recall: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

(b)(6) would like to recall the message, "Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services".



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**Sent:** 7/6/2023 1:26:18 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Legal Services Contract  
**Attachments:** Debevoise Award Tracker - 70RDAD23C00000002.pdf

Hello Katherine,

The attached spreadsheet shows the current award balance for the S1 Legal Services Contract.

Thank You

(b)(6)  
Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Sent: 7/12/2023 2:50:34 PM

To: (b)(6)

CC: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Pending Invoice/ IPAC For Approval - 1556281

Attachments: US DHS 26989.1002 - 1556280.pdf

Hello (b)(6)

Debevoise submitted an update for invoice 1556280 and included the updated copy.

(b)(5)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:47 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: Pending Invoice/ IPAC For Approval - 1556281

Good Morning (b)(6)

I know you are working on approving the latest four (4) invoices with Debevoise under 70RDAD23C00000002. However, I wanted to quickly bring up a few questions that Paula and I noticed in being copied on these invoices:

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Let us know if you have any questions,

(b)(6)

Contracting Officer

Department of Homeland Security | Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)

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**From:** MGMT-FO Invoices <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 8:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Pending Invoice/ IPAC For Approval - 1556281

Hello,

There is an invoice/IPAC awaiting your approval in WebView.

Invoice #: 1556281  
Amount: (b)(4)  
Obligation #: 70RDAD23C00000002 - CONTR - 248084

**Please perform these actions to approve the invoice:**

1. Provide posting instructions on the Excel template found on the [Payment Posting Instructions site](#). There is a Quick Reference Guide and a FAQ sheet located on the page to explain the step-by-step direction.
2. Approve by requesting location code 1-Approve on WebView.

**Please perform these actions in WebView to reject the invoice:**

**Invoice**

1. Provide the reason for rejection and a copy of the correspondence (email) to the vendor notifying them of the rejection by uploading the document into the Documents tab in WebView.
2. Request location code 2-reject

**IPAC**

1. Provide reason(s) of IPAC rejection
2. Request location code 2-Reject

**All payments must be approved and processed within 30 days of receipt.**

→ To create a WebView account, please email the OFO Invoice team mailbox at: (b)(6).

→ For all WebView account password resets and access related issues please send email to: (b)(6)

→ PLEASE NOTE THE NEW WEBVIEW LINK IS:

(b)(6)

If this action has been completed, please disregard this notice, and accept our appreciation for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Payment Team analyst or email

(b)(6)

Thank you,

FO Invoices Team  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Sent: 11/30/2023 6:58:11 PM  
To: Bauer, Eric; (b)(6)  
Subject: (b)(6)  
New Contractor for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Hello Eric

Debevoise has hired a new contractor, but I am not sure what steps I need to take to start her security screen. I will send her

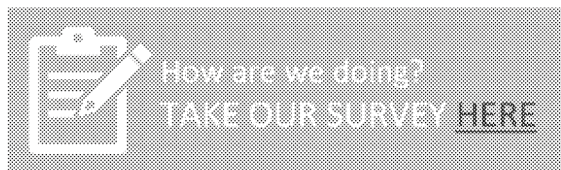
From: BAUER, ERIC; (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 5:04 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHS HQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

No worries, thanks (b)(6)

Eric Bauer  
Deputy Director  
DHS-OCSO-Personnel Security Division

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 5:02 PM  
To: BAUER, ERIC; (b)(6)  
Cc: (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHS HQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Hi Eric,

I apologize if I forgot to notify you regarding (b)(6). Below is a table listing all the contractors submitted by Debevoise and their current status.

Contractor Background Investigation Information



Name	Position	Phone	Email	Technical or Administrative Assistance	PSD Specialist	Initiation Email Sent	Forms Completed	Cleared to EOD	N
Burwell, Carter	Counsel	(b)(6)	l@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/3/2023	(b)(5)	
(b)(6)	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/9/2023	2/12/2023	(b)(5)	2/ St fo cc fir
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	Associate		(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/2/2023			
	Counsel		(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/7/2023		
	Partner		(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/8/2023		
(b)(6)	Head of Global Info Security	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/9/2023		(b)(5)	2/ St fo cc fir
	Associate		(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/7/2023		
	Senior Litigation Case Manager		(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/2/2023			
	Associate		(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/6/2023		

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(b)(6)	Sr. Info Sec Engineer	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	@gmail.com	(b)(6)	2/9/2023	
	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/9/2023
	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/9/2023	

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**From:** BAUER, ERIC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:47 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contract (b)(6) [DHSQ-0693273112] for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Hi (b)(6), Yes, looks like (b)(6) was favorably processed for EOD.

(b)(6) was not on my tracker.

Eric Bauer  
 Deputy Director  
 DHS-OCSO-Personnel Security Division

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:03 PM  
To: BAUER, ERIC (b)(6)  
Subject: FW: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) DSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Hello Eric and Sarah,

I received a request to enter Cameron Wolfe's start date in ALM. Does this mean he was cleared to start? I could not find an email regarding Cameron, and if he was cleared to EOD.

I usually receive an ALM request once an employee has cleared security.

Thank You

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:15 AM  
To: (b)(6)  
Subject: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) DSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

**THE FOLLOWING TASK REQUIRES YOUR ACTION IN ALM**

This is your third reminder that the following task is due on 2/7/24 6:12:03 AM EST: Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

This task was created on 2/7/23 6:12:03 AM EST. This task will escalate in 4 days.

Visit this link to complete this task in the ALM system.

If you require further information or need help using the Access Lifecycle Management (ALM) system (<https://alm.dhs.gov>), quick reference guides and additional training materials are available on the site.

If you're having technical difficulties, please contact the IT service support desk for your component.

Sincerely,  
Access Lifecycle Management (ALM)  
DHS Identity Service Branch

*This email has been auto-generated from ALM.  
This is email notification number ALM-48.*



Sent: 12/5/2023 8:18:13 PM

To: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com]

CC: (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula

Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - new staff member

Hello Amanda,

(b)(6) was contacted by our security department and have 5 calendar days to complete the request.

I will notify you and (b)(6) when she is cleared to start.

Thank You

(b)(6)

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Office of the General Counsel  
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(b)(6)

From: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 1:32 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - new staff member

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Hi (b)(6)

I hope you are well. We are adding a new Associate to the team that is working on this matter. Her completed Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form is attached. Please let me know if you need anything else to get started. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Amanda

Amanda D. Zakowich | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com  
**Sent:** 2/8/2023 10:19:21 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com; (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services  
**Attachments:** DHS Form 11000-25 Contractor Fitness\_Security Screening Request form (b)(6).pdf (b)(6) DHS Form 11000-25 Contractor Fitness\_Security Screening Request form.pdf

(b)(6)

As mentioned in my email a bit earlier, we are adding two associates to the team. Here are their completed 11000-25 forms. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Amanda

**Amanda D. Zakowich** | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP | (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2023 12:27  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

(b)(6)

We've added one more Associate attorney to the team. His completed form 11000-25 is attached. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Amanda

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 13:28  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

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Thank You!

(b)(6)

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 1:28 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

(b)(6) We are working on this and hope to get the completed forms to you by end of the day tomorrow. Thanks.

Amanda D. Zakowich | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP | (b)(6)  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 14:02  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hello Amanda,

Attached is the Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

(b)(6)

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 1:54 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services



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Hi (b)(6)

If you send the form to me, I will circulate it to those who need it here, and we'll get them back to you. Thanks.

Amanda

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 09:54

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Zakowich, Amanda D.

Subject: Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

Hi (b)(6)

I'm copying my colleague Amanda who can help provide guidance on the best way to do this.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

On Jan 27, 2023, at 9:47 AM, (b)(6) wrote:

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hello (b)(6)

The personnel performing services for Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 will need to complete a Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form. Each personnel will need to complete "Section II: Applicant Information" and return the form to me.

The form can either be sent, by your office, to each personnel or I can contact each person directly. Please let me know which option you prefer.

Thank You

(b)(6)

Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
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(b)(6)

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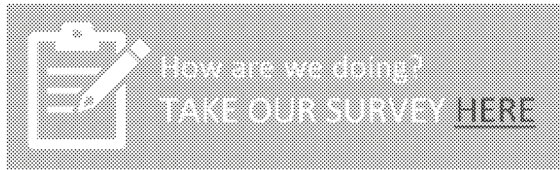
**From:** BAUER, ERIC (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/14/2023 10:04:25 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

No worries, thanks (b)(6)

Eric Bauer  
 Deputy Director  
 DHS-OCSO-Personnel Security Division

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 5:02 PM  
**To:** BAUER, ERIC (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Moffett, Sarah <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Hi Eric,

I apologize if I forgot to notify you regarding (b)(6). Below is a table listing all the contractors submitted by Debevoise and their current status.

Contractor Background Investigation Information									
Name	Position	Phone	Email	Technical or Administrative Assistance	PSD Specialist	Initiation Email Sent	Forms Completed	Cleared to EOD	N
Burwell, Carter	Counsel	(b)(6)	(b)(6)	@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/3/2023	(b)(5)	



(b)(6)	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/9/2023	2/12/2023	(b)(6)	2/13/2023. Cleared to start.
	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023			
	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023			
(b)(6)	Counsel	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/7/2023	(b)(5)	2/13/2023. Cleared to start.
	Partner	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/8/2023		
	Head of Global Info Security	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/9/2023			
	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/7/2023	(b)(5)	
	Senior Litigation Case Manager	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023			
	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/6/2023		
(b)(6)	Sr. Info Sec Engineer	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@gmail.com	(b)(6)	2/9/2023			

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**From:** BAUER, ERIC <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:47 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); Moffett, Sarah (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) E (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

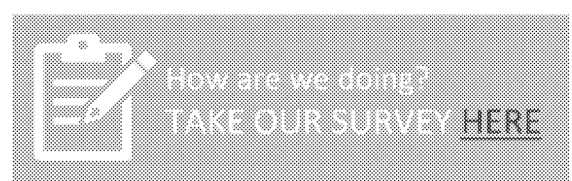
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Mr. (b)(6) was not on my tracker.

Eric Bauer  
Deputy Director  
DHS-OCSO-Personnel Security Division

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**To:** BAUER, ERIC (b)(6); Moffett, Sarah (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

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To: (b)(6)  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 5:12:57 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula f (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Yes, that is fine. Can you let me know Neal and Jon's blocks of availability next week so when I get times from Debevois later, I can schedule the PAC for a time that works for everybody.

Thanks again,

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi (b)(6)

Charlene reached out to OGC to inquire who should attend the post award conference. Both Neal Swartz and Jon Meyer plan on attending. Can I forward them the meeting invite once its created?

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Good Morning Amanda,

Just to follow up from Paula's email last night, I just wanted to reach out to discuss the next steps administratively on this contract. I know you have already been introduced to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), (b)(6) (b)(6) on a separate email, and you have already started the security onboarding process with (b)(6) as well. However we also did want to meet early next week for a Post Award Conference between DHS and your firm.

I believe there are some preliminary technical meetings happening as soon as this afternoon. However this Post Award Conference would be a smaller group between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items (b)(5) (b)(5) From the DHS side, it would just be attended by myself, Paula, and our COR (b)(6) – so we can keep it a smaller, more admin focused meeting.



When you get a chance, please send us the best representative(s) from your firm to discuss these administrative matters during this PAC and as well as some blocks of availability for next week – and we can schedule a Post Award Conference discussion via Teams to clear any up more administrative matters to make sure this contract gets off on the right foot.

Until then, feel free to reach out with any additional questions.

Have a great weekend,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)



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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:27 PM

**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6) @debevoise.com>

**Cc:** Burwell, Cartel (b)(6) @debevoise.com; (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi Amanda,

Thanks! Please see attached the countersigned SF (b)(5) and Engagement Letter.

(b)(6) will be in touch tomorrow for scheduling the post-award conference next week and identifying your firm's attendees and the COR ((b)(6)) will also likely be reaching out on next steps for the security forms.

Paula

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6) @debevoise.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:13 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Burwell, Carter (b)(6) @debevoise.com>

**Subject:** Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Paula and (b)(6)

Here are the two signed documents. Thank you.

Amanda

On Jan 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

\*EXTERNAL\*

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Attached is the updated SF (b)(5) with the correct Phone Number from below.

**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:55 PM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Ok, I'm stepping out for a bit, but (b)(6) will update and send the revised form soon.

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:54 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Let's list the general number: (212) 909-6000

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 17:52  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

I guess we didn't the number as associated with a specific name since sometimes they can be generic – we can update if you let us know which number to use instead.

That's not an issue in terms of company address vs. performance address and is common.

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:41 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Does it matter that the phone number there is (b)(6)'s number and you removed him from Block 17? Also, I think I told you this previously, but (b)(6) is in DC, although I wanted to keep the NY office address since that is our main operating entity and what we already have set up in SAM

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 17:34  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

Sorry hit send too soon ... yes, we need Block 30 a/b/c completed and signed and the engagement letter.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:33 PM  
**To:** 'Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi Amanda, Please see attached. It is a system limitation (shows up with "&" in the system but not on the form) but we manually added the "&". Address has also been corrected.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:21 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Paula – The only other thing I noted is that the "&" is missing from our name. Not sure if that's an error or some sort of limitation in non-alphabet characters? Other than that, all looks good.

Just to make sure we get this right – once you send me a corrected SF (b)(5) with our new office address, (b)(6) will need to sign, print and date in block 30 and also sign our engagement letter. Anything else?

Thanks,  
Amanda

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 16:20  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.

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Cc: Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

Ok, we'll make that change, but hold off to see if there are any other comments/questions on the SR (b)(5)

From: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:05 PM

To: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

Cc: Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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Paula,

I just opened this to take a peek between meetings, and I see a change that needs to be made. Our firm moved offices on 1/17 and so the address is incorrect. New address is in my signature. See below.

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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 14:40  
To: Zakowich, Amanda D.  
Cc: Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
Subject: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hi Amanda,

Please see attached the award for your firm's review and signature.

Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)



**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/22/2023 3:40:36 PM  
**To:** Bannister, Cassandra (b)(6); BAUER, ERIC  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Good Morning Colleagues:

(b)(6) s entry on duty is approved.

(b)(6)

Preliminary Assessment Branch  
Personnel Security Division  
Office of the Chief Security Officer  
Department of Homeland Security – HQ

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**From:** Bannister, Cassandra (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:16 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Good Afternoon (b)(6) -

This priority case is assigned to you for immediate processing.

Please reply to this email and include (b)(6) t and Eric Bauer once complete.

Thanks,

*Cassandra Bannister*

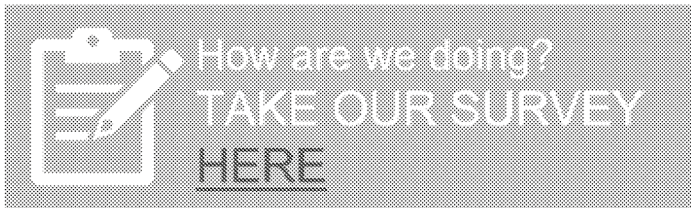
**CASSANDRA BANNISTER**

Chief, Preliminary Assessment (EOD) Branch  
Personnel Security Division  
Office of the Chief Security Officer  
Department of Homeland Security – HQ

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:07 AM

To: Bannister, Cassandra (b)(6)

Cc: Moffett, Sarah (b)(6)

Subject: FW: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Good morning,

I have completed intake on the priority case for (b)(6) (7926) and assigned it you. Please let me know if you need anything else.

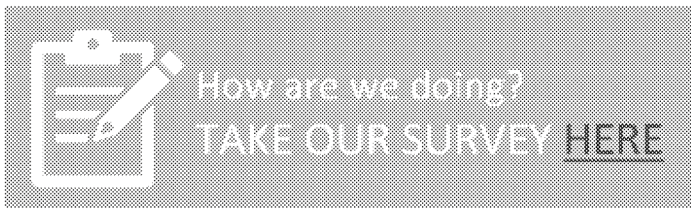
Respectfully,

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Personnel Security Specialist  
Personnel Security Division  
Office of the Chief Security Officer  
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(b)(6)

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From: Moffett, Sarah (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:59 PM

To: (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Cc: Bannister, Cassandra (b)(6)

Subject: FW: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Team,

This the list for the priority cases. Please make sure that you assign to Cassandra, and send her and email.

thanks

*Sarah Moffett*

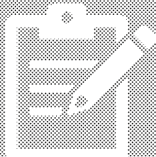
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From: (b)(6)

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Cc: Moffett, Sarah (b)(6)

Subject: RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

Hi Eric,

I apologize if I forgot to notify you regarding (b)(6) Below is a table listing all the contractors submitted by Debevoise and their current status.

Contractor Background Investigation Information								
Name	Position	Phone	Email	Technical or Administrative Assistance	PSD Specialist	Initiation Email Sent	Forms Completed	Cleared to EOD



	Burwell, Carter	Counsel	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/3/2023	(b)(5)	
(b)(6)		Associate	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/9/2023	2/12/2023		
		Associate	(b)(6)@debevoise.com		2/2/2023			
		Associate	(b)(6)@debevoise.com		2/2/2023			2/13/2023. Cleared to start.
		Counsel	(b)(6)@debevoise.com		2/2/2023	2/7/2023	(b)(5)	
(b)(6)		Partner	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/8/2023	(b)(5)	
		Head of Global Info Security	(b)(6)@debevoise.com		2/9/2023			
		Associate	(b)(6)@debevoise.com		2/2/2023	2/7/2023		
		Senior Litigation Case Manager	(b)(6)@debevoise.com		2/2/2023			(b)(5)
		Associate	(b)(6)@debevoise.com		2/2/2023	2/6/2023		
		Sr. Info Sec Engineer	(b)(6)@gmail.com		2/9/2023			

						2/14/2023. Favorable processed. Cleared to EOD.
(b)(6)	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/2/2023	2/9/2023
(b)(6)	Associate	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@debevoise.com	(b)(6)	2/9/2023	

(b)(6)

**From:** BAUER, ERIC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:47 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); Moffett, Sarah (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DHSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

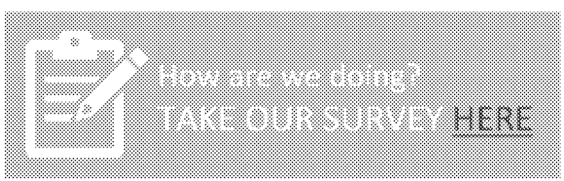
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 Deputy Director  
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Subject: ALM Action Required: Task reminder, Set Start Date for Contractor (b)(6) (DSHQ-0693273112) for 70RDAD23C00000002 Org Code: OS0105000000000000

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**DHS Identity Service Branch**

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [(b)(6)]h@debevoise.com]  
**Sent:** 3/20/2023 9:02:11 PM  
**To:** [(b)(6)]  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula [(b)(6)]  
[(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: DHS OGC Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Check-in

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[(b)(6)]

Thank you for checking in. I think we are all set for now.

Kind regards,  
Amanda

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**From:** [(b)(6)] [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 13:40  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Subject:** DHS OGC Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Check-in

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hello Amanda,

I wanted to check-in with you regarding the DHS OGC Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 and make sure you or your team aren't waiting for me to provide a response or any documents. Is there anything you need from me at the moment?

Thank You

[(b)(6)]

Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

[(b)(6)]

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com]  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 6:54:15 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com]; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

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Amanda

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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 09:54  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Subject:** Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

Hi (b)(6)

I'm copying my colleague Amanda who can help provide guidance on the best way to do this.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

On Jan 27, 2023, at 9:47 AM, (b)(6) wrote:

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**From:** Keen, Jeffrey <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2023 5:24:40 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6); Consolidation, Invoice  
(b)(6); Simpkins, Lauren  
(b)(6); Turner, Jessica  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FULLY EXECUTED AWARD: Contract Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise - OGC Legal Services

I'll take care of it.

Will

v/r  
JEFFREY W. KEEN "WILL"  
HQ OCFO, Financial Services  
Deputy Assistant Director, Obligation Management

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**From:** Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 12:24 PM  
**To:** Consolidation, Invoice MGT <(b)(6)>; Keen, Jeffrey <(b)(6)>  
Simpkins, Lauren <(b)(6)>; Turner, Jessica <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>; <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FULLY EXECUTED AWARD: Contract Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise - OGC Legal Services

Lauren: your team will handle the deobligation, correct?

**Katherine Aquavia Thomas**  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the General Counsel  
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**To:** (b)(6) Consolidation, Invoice MGT  
(b)(6); Keen, Jeffrey (b)(6); Simpkins, Lauren  
(b)(6); Turner, Jessica (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FULLY EXECUTED AWARD: Contract Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise - OGC Legal Services

Good Afternoon Team,

Attached is fully executed Contract Award No. 70RDAD23C00000002 (from PR No. ROGC-23-00001) with between DHS/MGT/OGC and Debevoise & Plimpton LLP for Legal Support. The attachments the fully signed Sfr. (b)(5) and Award Attachments (SOW, Clauses, and Labor Rates).

(b)(5)

Please keep this fully executed contract award for your files and feel free to reach out with any additional questions

Thanks all – and have a great weekend,

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com]  
**Sent:** 4/18/2023 3:04:41 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Debevoise Contract Number Confirmation - Rejected Invoices  
**Attachments:** Debevoise 1555530 683 684.pdf; 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed.pdf; Post Award Conference - Contract No. 70RDAD23C00000003 with Debevoise and DHS -Follow-Up

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Hi (b)(6)

I hope you're well. I'm reaching out in regards to a rejection notification we received, it appears I need to confirm the correct contract number for our services. I had referenced 70RDAD23C00000003 on our invoices which is the number that was provided by (b)(6) in the attached email, however, I see that we have the "Fully Executed" PDF which notes the contract number as 70RDAD23C00000002.

Please let me know if 70RDAD23C00000002 is the correct code to reference or if there is a newer version that replaces these.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6) (he/him/his)  
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**From:** Stevens, Sherri (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 4/20/2023 10:34:52 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: CPARS Notification

Good Morning,

Thanks (b)(6) it has been corrected. (b)(6) can you provide the Contractor Rep so it can be updated?

Thank You!

*Sherri*

*Best Regards,*

Sherri. D. Stevens, PMP

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PACTSII, COR & Program Manager

Acquisition Data Management Division (ADMD)

Have A Bless Day!

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:44 PM  
**To:** Stevens, Sherri (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: CPARS Notification

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Hopefully that clears up the confusion,

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: CPARS Notification

Hello (b)(6)

You are assigned the COR in ERA and Prism....if this is in error please let me know (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula Kay DOAD 23 70RDAD23C00000002

Sherri

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:02 PM  
To: Stevens, Sherri (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: CPARS Notification

Hi Sherri,

I am not familiar with contract # 70RDAD23D00000002. Did you mean to assign this to me?

Thank You

(b)(6)

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Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:23 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Subject: CPARS Notification

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70RDAD23D00000002

Existing users will use their current password to log in. New users will obtain a temporary password by using the 'Forgot/Reset Password' function at the Log In screen, available at <https://www.cpars.gov>. A Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Certificate will be required for DoD employees accessing CPARS.

Your role allows the following actions on assigned contracts:

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- \* Delete incomplete evaluations



- \* View/print evaluations
- \* View status reports

Here's some information to help you get started:

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- Familiarize yourself with the resources and options available at the website, especially the training information, the Federal Guidance for CPARS document, User Manual and other resources.
- Past performance information entered in CPARS will be retrieved during future source selections and must be current and of the highest quality possible ensuring 'best value' contracting in the source selection process.
- Use the 'Feedback' icon from the Home screen to forward your enhancement suggestions to the Program Office.
- For any assistance with CPARS, please contact your Focal Point or the Customer Support Desk at (207) 438-1690 or via email at [webpmsmh@navy.mil](mailto:webpmsmh@navy.mil).

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 4/19/2023 9:54:24 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: ODC Approvals under 70RDAD23C00000002 (D&B)  
**Attachments:** US DHS 26989.1002 - 1555684.pdf

Thanks (b)(6) I'll reach out to D&B tomorrow to remind them the COR Email Approval process for future ODC's. I'll

(b)(5)

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:56 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: ODC Approvals under 70RDAD23C00000002 (D&B)

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:51 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** ODC Approvals under 70RDAD23C00000002 (D&B)

Good Afternoon (b)(6)

Hope you are doing well. Paula and I just wanted to check in on the ODC approval per the terms of the contract award:

*Additionally, Other Direct Costs (ODC) purchases are anticipated under this contract which include, but are not limited to: Expert Witnesses, Copying Services and Research. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining written COR approval (electronic mail is acceptable) prior to any purchase under the Other Direct Costs CLIN.*

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**(b)(5)**

Just let us know,

**(b)(6)**

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com]  
**Sent:** 1/30/2023 6:27:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6); (b)(6)@debevoise.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

(b)(6) -- We are working on this and hope to get the completed forms to you by end of the day tomorrow. Thanks.

**Amanda D. Zakowich** | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 14:02  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hello Amanda,

Attached is the Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

(b)(6)

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 1:54 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

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If you send the form to me, I will circulate it to those who need it here, and we'll get them back to you. Thanks.

Amanda

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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 09:54  
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**Cc:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Subject:** Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

Hi (b)(6)

I'm copying my colleague Amanda who can help provide guidance on the best way to do this.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

On Jan 27, 2023, at 9:47 AM, (b)(6)

**\*EXTERNAL\***

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 4/20/2023 12:22:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@debevoise.com; Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)@debevoise.com; (b)(6)@debevoise.com  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** ODC Purchases Under 70RDAD23C00000002  
**Attachments:** US DHS 26989.1002 - 1555684.pdf

Good Morning Team,

Hope you are all doing well. We just wanted to reach out because we started receiving invoices under Contract No. 70RDAD23C00000002 with DHS that included ODC purchases and wanted to send out a reminder to make sure you get COR approval on any ODC purchases via email prior the purchase (and invoice) of those requested ODCs. In Section 10.0 of the Contract/SOW, the official guidance states:

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So moving forward, please send an email to (b)(6) the COR copied on this email, prior to making any future ODCs purchase to request approval to be in compliance with the contract terms and conditions. Same with any travel. I do remember during the kick-off Post Award Conference, (b)(5)

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(b)(5)

That said, given there are already two (2) ODC purchases included in the attached invoice , we still ask that you send an email to the COR (b)(6) (b)(5)

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Until then, feel free to reach out with any additional questions,

Thanks again

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 5/3/2023 12:54:25 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: CPARS Notification

Apologize for the delay, I would reach out to Amanda (or whoever your main POC at the law firm is) to confirm who is the correct Contractor Rep for Debevoise. All you need is a name and email to provide back to Sherri, and she can update in the system.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:23 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: CPARS Notification

H (b)(6)

Is (b)(6) the Contractor Rep? David is listed on the award document but I've mainly dealt with Amanda Zakowich.

This is the first time I've had to use CPARS.

(b)(6)

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**From:** Stevens, Sherri (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:34 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: CPARS Notification

Good Morning,

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(b)(6)	(b)(6)		Nusbaum, Paula Kay		DOAD 23	70RDAD23C00000002

Sherri

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Subject: RE: CPARS Notification

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70RDAD23D00000002

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/30/2023 7:32:58 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

I'm targeting Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-2PM EST. Hoping that time works for the vendor – so for now let's just put a HOLD on that for this week.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 12:52 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi (b)(6)

I am available anytime next week, except February 1, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

I've listed Jon and Neal's availability below.

January 31	10:00 am – 10:30 am	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
February 1	9:00 am – 10:30 am	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
February 2	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	
February 3	9:00 am – 10:00 am	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank You

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 12:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Yes, that is fine. Can you let me know Neal and Jon's blocks of availability next week so when I get times from Debevois later, I can schedule the PAC for a time that works for everybody.

Thanks again,  
(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 12:05 PM

To: (b)(6)  
Cc: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi (b)(6)

Charlene reached out to OGC to inquire who should attend the post award conference. Both Neal Swartz and Jon Meyer plan on attending. Can I forward them the meeting invite once its created?

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 11:42 AM  
To: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6); Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Cc: Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Good Morning Amanda,

Just to follow up from Paula's email last night, I just wanted to reach out to discuss the next steps administratively on this contract. I know you have already been introduced to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) (b)(6) (b)(6) on a separate email, and you have already started the security onboarding process with (b)(6) as well. However we also did want to meet early next week for a Post Award Conference between DHS and your firm.

I believe there are some preliminary technical meetings happening as soon as this afternoon. However this Post Award Conference would be a smaller group between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items (b)(5)

(b)(5). From the DHS side, it would just be attended by myself, Paula, and our COR (b)(6) so we can keep it a smaller, more admin focused meeting.

When you get a chance, please send us the best representative(s) from your firm to discuss these administrative matters during this PAC and as well as some blocks of availability for next week – and we can schedule a Post Award Conference discussion via Teams to clear any up more administrative matters to make sure this contract gets off on the right foot.

Until then, feel free to reach out with any additional questions.

Have a great weekend,

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:27 PM  
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Paula and (b)(6)

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Amanda

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Hi Amanda, Please see attached. It is a system limitation (shows up with "&" in the system but not on the form) but we manually added the "&". Address has also been corrected.

Paula

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Paula – The only other thing I noted is that the "&" is missing from our name. Not sure if that's an error or some sort of limitation in non-alphabet characters? Other than that, all looks good.

Just to make sure we get this right – once you send me a corrected SF (b)(5) with our new office address, (b)(6) will need to sign, print and date in block 30 and also sign our engagement letter. Anything else?

Thanks,  
Amanda

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Ok, we'll make that change, but hold off to see if there are any other comments/questions on the SF (b)(5)

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Paula,

I just opened this to take a peek between meetings, and I see a change that needs to be made. Our firm moved offices on 1/17 and so the address is incorrect. New address is in my signature. See below.

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**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
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Hi Amanda,

Please see attached the award for your firm's review and signature.

Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)



**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com]  
**Sent:** 5/3/2023 2:19:16 PM  
**To:** [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: 70RDAD23C00000002: DHS Legal Services Contract

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Thank you for your message. I am out of the office through April 26. I will be checking email, but there may be delays in my responses. I will return your message as soon as possible.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 5/5/2023 4:59:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Outstanding Invoices for 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(6) just let me know he spoke to you and briefed me about how MGMT/HQ may have a different process for invoices than our usual customer CISA. So please disregard my statements below as it relates to WebView.

Paula

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 12:47 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Outstanding Invoices for 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

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Paula

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Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thank You,

(b)(6)

From (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 8:30:52 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

Subject: Outstanding Invoices for 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Good Morning (b)(6)

Happy Friday. When you get a chance in the next few days (definitely no later than end of next week) can you go into WebView and review/approve the three (3) attached outstanding invoices with Debevoise under Contract No.

70RDAD23C00000002 (b)(5)

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Let me know if you have any questions,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)



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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 5/5/2023 5:41:20 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: Outstanding Invoices for 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise  
**Attachments:** RE: Outstanding Invoices for 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Hi (b)(6)

I had followed up around 1:00 (attached) to disregard because (b)(6) filled me in our your conversation and (b)(5)  
(b)(5)  
(b)(5)

It sounds like the invoices are already with (b)(6) process – do you know what’s the status on him completing the process or if he’s waiting for any info from us?

Paula

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 1:18 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Outstanding Invoices for 70RDAD23C00000002 with Debevoise

Hi Paula,

Typically, I approve the invoices and (b)(6) n, our budget analyst, goes in to WebView and processes them. I do not have a WebView account and I’ve requested an account by sending an email to (b)(6), but I’ve never received a response.

(b)(5)

If you have any questions I am available today until 6:00 pm.

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** 5/19/2023 7:04:56 PM

**To:**

(b)(6)

**CC:**

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Hi [(b)(6)]

Please list [(b)(6)] [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com

Thank you.

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**From:** [(b)(6)]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 15:57

**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.

**Cc:** [(b)(6)]

**Subject:** RE: 70RDAD23C00000002: DHS Legal Services Contract

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hello Amanda,

Can you please provide the name and contact information of the Debevoise employee serving as the contractor representative of this award?

This award was entered in the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System ([Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System \(cpars.gov\)](http://Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (cpars.gov))), but we need to add the name and contact information of the Debevoise contractor representative. CPARS is used to evaluate and view contractor performance. Performance evaluations in CPARS contain both government and contractor comments to provide a balanced view of performance, allowing source selection officials to look beyond contractor references.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

[(b)(6)]

Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

DHS-0100-00037-000348

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**(b)(6)**

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com]

**Sent:** 1/30/2023 8:58:40 PM

**To:** (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula

**CC:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com] (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

(b)(6)

1:00 on Wednesday works. Please include me and my colleague (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com), who handles billing for (b)(6), on the invite. I'm not sure if this is a meeting that makes sense for Carter to attend, but perhaps you can help us determine that. Thanks.

Amanda

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**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
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Good Afternoon Amanda,

Hope you had a great weekend. I just wanted to follow up from my email on Friday as next steps to try to schedule a Post Award Conference for earlier this week which would be a smaller meeting between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

Right now, we are targeting Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-2PM EST – let me know if that time works for you and your team. And if so, who I should include on the invite and I'll send out an invite via Microsoft Teams.

Thanks – and feel free to reach out with any additional questions,

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 11:42 AM  
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Good Morning Amanda,

Just to follow up from Paula's email last night, I just wanted to reach out to discuss the next steps administratively on this contract. I know you have already been introduced to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), (b)(6) (b)(6) it on a separate email, and you have already started the security onboarding process with (b)(6) as well. However we also did want to meet early next week for a Post Award Conference between DHS and your firm.

I believe there are some preliminary technical meetings happening as soon as this afternoon. However this Post Award Conference would be a smaller group between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items (b)(5) (b)(5) From the DHS side, it would just be attended by myself, Paula, and our COR (b)(6) – so we can keep it a smaller, more admin focused meeting.

When you get a chance, please send us the best representative(s) from your firm to discuss these administrative matters during this PAC and as well as some blocks of availability for next week – and we can schedule a Post Award Conference discussion via Teams to clear any up more administrative matters to make sure this contract gets off on the right foot.

Until then, feel free to reach out with any additional questions.

Have a great weekend,

(b)(6)

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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
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Paula

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Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 1/30/2023 9:45:27 PM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6) @debevoise.com]; Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**CC:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6) @debevoise.com]; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Thanks Amanda – I’ll add Carter to the invite. I’ll try to send out the agenda by tomorrow evening, or early Wednesday AM at the latest – and you can review to see if its necessary to have Carter attend.

So far, we’ll just be talking about the (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

However, let me know if you have any specific questions or topics you want to ask/cover during the PAC and I’ll be sure to add it to the agenda as well.

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6) @debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 3:59 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6) @debevoise.com>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

(b)(6)

1:00 on Wednesday works. Please include me and my colleague (b)(6) (b)(6) @debevoise.com), who handles billing for (b)(6), on the invite. I’m not sure if this is a meeting that makes sense for Carter to attend, but perhaps you can help us determine that. Thanks.

Amanda

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**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 14:34  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula; Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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Good Afternoon Amanda,



Hope you had a great weekend. I just wanted to follow up from my email on Friday as next steps to try to schedule a Post Award Conference for earlier this week which would be a smaller meeting between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items; (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Right now, we are targeting Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-2PM EST – let me know if that time works for you and your team. And if so, who I should include on the invite and I'll send out an invite via Microsoft Teams.

Thanks – and feel free to reach out with any additional questions,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 11:42 AM

To: Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)> Zakowich, Amanda D. <(b)(6)>

Cc: Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Good Morning Amanda,

Just to follow up from Paula's email last night, I just wanted to reach out to discuss the next steps administratively on this contract. I know you have already been introduced to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), (b)(6) (b)(6) on a separate email, and you have already started the security onboarding process with (b)(6) as well. However we also did want to meet early next week for a Post Award Conference between DHS and your firm.

I believe there are some preliminary technical meetings happening as soon as this afternoon. However this Post Award Conference would be a smaller group between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items; (b)(5)

(b)(5) From the DHS side, it would just be attended by myself, Paula, and our COR (b)(6) – so we can keep it a smaller, more admin focused meeting.

When you get a chance, please send us the best representative(s) from your firm to discuss these administrative matters during this PAC and as well as some blocks of availability for next week – and we can schedule a Post Award Conference discussion via Teams to clear any up more administrative matters to make sure this contract gets off on the right foot.

Until then, feel free to reach out with any additional questions.

Have a great weekend,

(b)(6)

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Department of Homeland Security | Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)

(b)(6)



Homeland Security

From: Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:27 PM



To: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Cc: Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com> (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi Amanda,

Thanks! Please see attached the countersigned SF (b)(5) and Engagement Letter.

(b)(6) will be in touch tomorrow for scheduling the post-award conference next week and identifying your firm's attendees and the COR (b)(6) will also likely be reaching out on next steps for the security forms.

Paula

From: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:13 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Cc: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Subject: Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Paula and (b)(6)

Here are the two signed documents. Thank you.

Amanda

On Jan 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM, (b)(6)

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Attached is the updated SF (b)(5) with the correct Phone Number from below.

From: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:55 PM  
To: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Cc: (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Ok, I'm stepping out for a bit, but (b)(6) will update and send the revised form soon.

From: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:54 PM  
To: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Let's list the general number: (212) 909-6000

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I guess we didn't the number as associated with a specific name since sometimes they can be generic – we can update if you let us know which number to use instead.

That's not an issue in terms of company address vs. performance address and is common.

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
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**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
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Does it matter that the phone number there is (b)(6) number and you removed him from Block 17? Also, I think I told you this previously, but (b)(6) is in DC, although I wanted to keep the NY office address since that is our main operating entity and what we already have set up in SAM

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Sorry hit send too soon ... yes, we need Block 30 a/b/c competed and signed and the engagement letter.

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**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.

**Cc:** Burwell, Carter | (b)(6)

**Subject:** Contract 70RDAD23C000000002 - Review/Signature

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Division Director/Contracting Officer

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Office of Procurement Operations

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 7/12/2023 3:42:06 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Pending Invoice/ IPAC For Approval - 1556281

Thanks (b)(6) – the updated invoice 1556280 is exactly what we need. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:58 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Pending Invoice/ IPAC For Approval - 1556281

Hello (b)(6)

Debevoise submitted an update for invoice 1556280 and included the updated copy.

(b)(5)



Period of Performance: 01/26/2023 to 01/02/2025

0001

BASE: Legal Services - Labor

Time-and-Materials (T&M)

Not-To-Exceed (NTE):

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Accounting Info:

NONE023-000 LA 10-00-00-000

01-01-0100-00-00-00-00 GE-OE-25 14 000000

Funded:

(b)(4)

0002

BASE: Legal Services - Other Direct Costs

Time-and-Materials (T&M)

Not-To-Exceed (NTE):

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

1001 OPTION PERIOD 1: Legal Services - Labor (Optional)

0.00

Time-and-Materials (T&M)

Not-To-Exceed (NTE):

(b)(4)

Amount: (b)(4) (Option Line Item)

1002 OPTION PERIOD 1: Legal Services - Other Direct Costs (Optional)

0.00

Time-and-Materials (T&M)

Not-To-Exceed (NTE):

(b)(4)

Amount: (b)(4) (Option Line Item)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:47 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Pending Invoice/ IPAC For Approval - 1556281

Good Morning (b)(6)

I know you are working on approving the latest four (4) invoices with Debevoise under 70RDAD23C00000002. However, I wanted to quickly bring up a few questions that Paula and I noticed in being copied on these invoices:

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Let us know if you have any questions,

(b)(6)

Contracting Officer

Department of Homeland Security | Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)

(b)(6)



Homeland  
Security

From: MGMT-FO Invoices (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 8:48 AM

To: (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

Subject: Pending Invoice/ IPAC For Approval - 1556281

Hello,

There is an invoice/IPAC awaiting your approval in WebView.

Invoice #: 1556281

Amount: (b)(4)

Obligation #: 70RDAD23C00000002 - CONTR - 248084

**Please perform these actions to approve the invoice:**

1. Provide posting instructions on the Excel template found on the [Payment Posting Instructions site](#). There is a Quick Reference Guide and a FAQ sheet located on the page to explain the step-by-step direction.
2. Approve by requesting location code 1-Approve on WebView.

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1. Provide the reason for rejection and a copy of the correspondence (email) to the vendor notifying them of the rejection by uploading the document into the Documents tab in WebView.
2. Request location code 2-reject

**IPAC**

1. Provide reason(s) of IPAC rejection
2. Request location code 2-Reject

**All payments must be approved and processed within 30 days of receipt.**

To create a WebView account, please email the OFO Invoice team mailbox

at: (b)(6)

→ For all WebView account password resets and access related issues please send email to: (b)(6).

→ PLEASE NOTE THE NEW WEBVIEW LINK IS:

(b)(6)

If this action has been completed, please disregard this notice, and accept our appreciation for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Payment Team analyst or email

(b)(6).

Thank you,

FO Invoices Team  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security



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**Subject:** FW: Pending Invoice/IPAC For Approval - 1556281  
**Attachments:** US DHS 26989.1002 - 1556280.pdf; US DHS 26989.1001 - 1556282.pdf; US DHS 26989.1001 - 1556278.pdf; US DHS 26989.1001 - 1556281.pdf

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**From:** Consolidation, Invoice MGT (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 8/9/2023 3:43:31 PM  
**To:** Inscho, Brent (b)(6)@debevoise.com]; Consolidation, Invoice MGT (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(4)@debevoise.com  
**Subject:** RE: 2023307476\_2023307475\_Debevoise Invoices - June 2023 Service - 08/02/23

Thank you for your prompt reply. The invoice has been entered with the updated information and moved forward for the field to review/approve.  
Enjoy your day

(b)(6)  
Lead Accounting Technician  
Accounts Payable Section  
Financial Service Center – Burlington  
Department of Homeland Security -ICE

(b)(6)  
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(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 11:02 AM  
**To:** Consolidation, Invoice MGT <(b)(6)>; Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: 2023307476\_2023307475\_Debevoise Invoices - June 2023 Service - 08/02/23

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Hi (b)(6)  
The contract number should be 70RDAD23C00000002.

Thanks,  
(b)(6)



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**From:** Consolidation, Invoice MGT (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9:53 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6) <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>; Consolidation, Invoice MGT (b)(6)  
Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: 2023307476\_2023307475\_Debevoise Invoices - June 2023 Service - 08/02/23

\*EXTERNAL\*

Hello,

It appears that invoice number 1556635 for (b)(4) may have a typo in the contract number listed on it. Could you please double check the contract number and verify what it should be? If I have not received a reply by end of day today, this invoice will need to be rejected. There is no need at this time to resubmit the invoice. Please just reply to this email with the correct contract number.

Thank you very much

(b)(6)

Lead Accounting Technician  
Accounts Payable Section  
Financial Service Center – Burlington  
Department of Homeland Security -ICE

(b)(6)

*Did you know OFM Online contains information and guidance on financial processes? If you can't find the answer there, submit your question to Ask A Professor and someone will respond to it within 1 business day.*

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6) <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 11:59 AM  
**To:** Consolidation, Invoice MGT (b)(6) >; Nusbaum, Paula  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6) (b)(6) <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** 2023307476\_2023307475\_Debevoise Invoices - June 2023 Service - 08/02/23

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Hi,

Please find two invoices attached for services rendered in June 2023. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these documents please let us know.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

**Debevoise  
& Plimpton**

(b)(6) (he/him/his)  
Billing Team Lead

(b)(6)

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New York, NY 10001  
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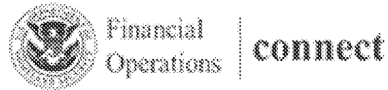
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 8/15/2023 4:05:32 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Transfer vendor invoices in system

Both have been processed.

(b)(6)  
Payment Team Lead  
Office of Financial Operations  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

(b)(6)



**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Katherine <(b)(6)> (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Transfer vendor invoices in system



Hello (b)(6)

Please transfer the invoices listed below to (b)(6)

(b)(6) OGC has reviewed and approved the invoices for payment.

**Invoice Number**

1556636  
1556635

Thank You

(b)(6)

Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 12:12 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000003: Transfer vendor invoices in system

Hello (b)(6)

Please transfer the invoices listed below to (b)(6)

(b)(6) OGC has reviewed and approved the invoices for payment.

**Invoice Number**

1556636  
1556635

Thank You,

(b)(6)

Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Contract 70RDAD23C00000003: Transfer vendor invoices in system

Hello (b)(6)

Please transfer the invoices listed below to (b)(6)

(b)(6) OGC has reviewed and approved the invoices for payment.

**Invoice Number**

1556280  
1556278

Thank You,

(b)(6)  
Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
(b)(6)

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**From:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:10 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
Pearce, Lauren (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Debevoise Invoices January and February

Good afternoon (b)(6)

DHS received the attached invoices for legal services incurred in representing S1.  
The invoices were reviewed by OGC (and Paula too, I believe) and we recommend that they be paid.

Per Lauren's earlier guidance, I believe (b)(6) reassigned this to you in WebView so that you could process the payment and provide posting instructions to CFO's payments team.

Please let us know if you need additional information from OGC.

Best  
Katherine

**Katherine Aquavia Thomas**  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

**(b)(6)**

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 9/28/2023 5:03:12 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Potential Lapse in Appropriations

Good afternoon: (b)(6)

If you are requested by contractor personnel to provide guidance on their work status and the status of their contract if a funding lapse should occur, please inform the contractor personnel that any questions should be addressed to their company. The company in turn should contact the Contracting Officer for their contract with any questions. At this time, CORs must refrain from providing any formal direction to contractors concerning a potential lapse in appropriations. For awareness, in the event of a lapse in appropriations, the DHS Chief Procurement Officer will post a notice on SAM.gov and DHS.gov with guidance for contractors.

No additional information is available at this time concerning the possible funding lapse.

Thank you.

Paula Nusbaum  
Contracting Officer  
Office of Procurement Operations  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 4:18 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)  
**Subject:** S1 Legal Services Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Guidance to CORs in the Event of a Funding Lapse  
**Importance:** High

H (b)(6) nd Paula

Will the S1 Legal Services Contract be affected in the event of a funding lapse? Do I need to advise Debevoise that they should contact you directly in the event of a funding lapse?

Thank You

(b)(6)  
Administrative Support Specialist  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(b)(6)

**From:** Acquisition Workforce Communications

(b)(6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:52 PM

**To:** Acquisition Workforce Communications

(b)(6)

**Cc:** Acquisition Workforce Communications

**Subject:** Guidance to CORs in the Event of a Funding Lapse

**Importance:** High

**To:** ACTIVELY APPOINTED CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVES (CORs)

In the period of time just prior to a potential funding lapse, CORs may be approached by contractor personnel seeking guidance on their work status and the status of their contract if a funding lapse should occur. If approached, CORs are to direct the contractor personnel to their company with any questions regarding the impact of a funding lapse on their contract and their work status. Companies should reach out to the contracting officer. CORs are also advised that when there is an imminent lapse in funding, the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (OCPO) will post a Notice to Industry advising them of the Department's plans regarding actions that may be necessary in the event that contract funding is affected. If necessary, this notice will be posted under "Do Business with DHS" <https://www.dhs.gov/do-business-dhs> and also at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). CORs should direct contractor personnel to the OCPO notice once it is posted. We will provide the link if the Notice must be issued.

Out of an abundance of caution, COR pre-planning should also include plans for the orderly and temporary transfer of responsibilities to other individuals as needed and appropriate. CORs should refer to the [DHS COR Guidebook](#) Section 5, dated May 2023, for additional guidance as well as [DHS Procedures Relating to a Lapse in Appropriations](#).

We appreciate your continued partnership supporting DHS's mission during this funding uncertainty.

**Office of the Chief Procurement Officer  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Sent:** 2/1/2023 1:56:00 PM  
**To:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com]; Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com]; Nusbaum, Paula  
(b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)@debevoise.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

I've added (b)(6) to the invite for this afternoon.

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**From:** Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 8:51 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>; Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Apologies. I'm likely tied up today. Adding (b)(6) in case she can join.

Carter Burwell | Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (b)(6) [www.debevoise.com](http://www.debevoise.com)

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2023 08:48  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.; Nusbaum, Paula  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

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Good Morning Amanda,

I just wanted to follow up on your email, I've attached the agenda to the PAC Outlook Invite, however I also wanted to send directly to you on this email as well.

Both Neal Swartz and Jonathan Meyer from the OGC Program Office will be on the call if that helps you determine if it makes sense for Carter to attend – while the focus will mostly be administrative, we can still discuss any further technical or directional questions you may have as well on today's call since we'll have the main OGC POC on the call today as well. While you didn't mention any specific topics or questions to cover, I did include time on the agenda for your team to ask any question or bring up any additional matters from your side.

Look forward to talking with you and your team more at 1PM EST later today.

Thanks again,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

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Department of Homeland Security | Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)

(b)(6)



Homeland Security

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>

**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 3:59 PM

**To:** (b)(6) Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

**Cc:** Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

(b)(6)

1:00 on Wednesday works. Please include me and my colleague (b)(6) (b)(6)@debevoise.com), who handles billing for (b)(6) on the invite. I'm not sure if this is a meeting that makes sense for Carter to attend, but perhaps you can help us determine that. Thanks.

Amanda

**Amanda D. Zakowich** | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 14:34

**To:** Nusbaum, Paula; Zakowich, Amanda D.

**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

Good Afternoon Amanda,

Hope you had a great weekend. I just wanted to follow up from my email on Friday as next steps to try to schedule a Post Award Conference for earlier this week which would be a smaller meeting between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Right now, we are targeting Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-2PM EST – let me know if that time works for you and your team. And if so, who I should include on the invite and I'll send out an invite via Microsoft Teams.

Thanks – and feel free to reach out with any additional questions,



(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 11:42 AM

To: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) Zakowich, Amanda D. <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>

Cc: Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Good Morning Amanda,

Just to follow up from Paula's email last night, I just wanted to reach out to discuss the next steps administratively on this contract. I know you have already been introduced to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) (b)(6) (b)(6) on a separate email, and you have already started the security onboarding process with (b)(6) as well. However we also did want to meet early next week for a Post Award Conference between DHS and your firm.

I believe there are some preliminary technical meetings happening as soon as this afternoon. However this Post Award Conference would be a smaller group between DHS and Debevoise just to discuss more administrative and contractual items (b)(5)

(b)(5) From the DHS side, it would just be attended by myself, Paula, and our COR (b)(6) – so we can keep it a smaller, more admin focused meeting.

When you get a chance, please send us the best representative(s) from your firm to discuss these administrative matters during this PAC and as well as some blocks of availability for next week – and we can schedule a Post Award Conference discussion via Teams to clear any up more administrative matters to make sure this contract gets off on the right foot.

Until then, feel free to reach out with any additional questions.

Have a great weekend,

(b)(6)

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Department of Homeland Security | Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)

(b)(6)



Homeland  
Security

From: Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:27 PM

To: Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>

Cc: Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>; (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi Amanda,

Thanks! Please see attached the countersigned S (b)(5) and Engagement Letter.



(b)(6) will be in touch tomorrow for scheduling the post-award conference next week and identifying your firm's attendees and the COR (b)(6) will also likely be reaching out on next steps for the security forms.

Paula

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6) Burwell, Carter (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Paula and (b)(6)

Here are the two signed documents. Thank you.

Amanda

On Jan 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM (b)(6)

\*EXTERNAL\*

Attached is the updated S (b)(5) with the correct Phone Number from below.

**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:55 PM  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Ok, I'm stepping out for a bit, but (b)(6) will update and send the revised form soon.

**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:54 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Let's list the general number: (212) 909-6000

Amanda D. Zakowich | Deputy General Counsel | Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (b)(6)  
(b)(6) | 66 Hudson Boulevard, New York, NY 10001 | [www.debevoise.com](http://www.debevoise.com)

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 17:52  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

I guess we didn't the number as associated with a specific name since sometimes they can be generic – we can update if you let us know which number to use instead.

That's not an issue in terms of company address vs. performance address and is common.

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:41 PM  
**To:** Nusbaum, Paula [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Does it matter that the phone number there is [(b)(6)] number and you removed him from Block 17? Also, I think I told you this previously, but [(b)(6)] is in DC, although I wanted to keep the NY office address since that is our main operating entity and what we already have set up in SAM

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 17:34  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

Sorry hit send too soon ... yes, we need Block 30 a/b/c completed and signed and the engagement letter.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:33 PM  
**To:** 'Zakowich, Amanda D.' [(b)(6)]  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter <[(b)(6)]@debevoise.com> [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Hi Amanda, Please see attached. It is a system limitation (shows up with "&" in the system but not on the form) but we manually added the "&". Address has also been corrected.

Paula

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:21 PM



To: Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
Cc: Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com> <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

Paula – The only other thing I noted is that the “&” is missing from our name. Not sure if that’s an error or some sort of limitation in non-alphabet characters? Other than that, all looks good.

Just to make sure we get this right – once you send me a corrected SF (b)(5) with our new office address, (b)(6) will need to sign, print and date in block 30 and also sign our engagement letter. Anything else?

Thanks,  
Amanda

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From: Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 16:20  
To: Zakowich, Amanda D.  
Cc: Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

\*EXTERNAL\*

Ok, we'll make that change, but hold off to see if there are any other comments/questions on the SF (b)(5)

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From: Zakowich, Amanda D. <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:05 PM  
To: Nusbaum, Paula <(b)(6)>  
Cc: Burwell, Carter <(b)(6)@debevoise.com>; <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

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Paula,

I just opened this to take a peek between meetings, and I see a change that needs to be made. Our firm moved offices on 1/17 and so the address is incorrect. New address is in my signature. See below.

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**From:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 14:40  
**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** Burwell, Carter; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 - Review/Signature

**\*EXTERNAL\***

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Hi Amanda,

Please see attached the award for your firm's review and signature.

Paula

Paula Nusbaum  
Division Director/Contracting Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Acquisition Division (CISAAD)



**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com]  
**Sent:** 1/31/2023 9:50:06 PM  
**To:** [(b)(6)]  
**CC:** [(b)(6)] [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com]; [(b)(6)] [(b)(6)]@debevoise.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services  
**Attachments:** DHS Form 11000-25 Contractor Fitness\_Security Screening Request form - D....zip

Hi [(b)(6)]

Here are the completed forms for those we have staffed on the matter: [(b)(5)]

[(b)(5)]

Kind regards,  
Amanda

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**Cc:** [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

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Thank You!

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[(b)(6)] – We are working on this and hope to get the completed forms to you by end of the day tomorrow. Thanks.

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**To:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

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Hello Amanda,

Attached is the Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

(b)(6)

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**From:** Zakowich, Amanda D. (b)(6)@debevoise.com>  
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Amanda

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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2023 09:54  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Zakowich, Amanda D.  
**Subject:** Re: Contract 70RDAD23C00000002: Personnel performing services

Hi (b)(6)

I'm copying my colleague Amanda who can help provide guidance on the best way to do this.

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Thanks,

**(b)(6)**

On Jan 27, 2023, at 9:47 AM,

**(b)(6)**

> wrote:

**\*EXTERNAL\***

Hello

**(b)(6)**

The personnel performing services for Contract 70RDAD23C00000002 will need to complete a Contractor Fitness/Security Screening Request Form. Each personnel will need to complete "Section II: Applicant Information" and return the form to me.

The form can either be sent, by your office, to each personnel or I can contact each person directly. Please let me know which option you prefer.

Thank You

**(b)(6)**

Administrative Support Specialist  
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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** 11/14/2023 2:49:02 PM

**To:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6); Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

**CC:** Palmer, David (b)(6); Pearce, Lauren (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: S1 Legal Defense Beyond January

**Attachments:** 70RDAD23C00000002 Fully Executed.pdf

Good Morning Katherine,

I'm copying in (b)(6) the COR for this contract for awareness and action as well. And yes, the next option period (OP1) for this contract is January 03, 2024 to April 02, 2024 so we'll only fund and exercise three months at time for the remainder of this contract.

From your side we would need a funded PR ((b)(4) for CLIN 1001 and (b)(4) for CLIN 1002) as well as a signed memo/option exercise determination from the Program Office that states:

(b)(5)

We would ask if we could get the funded PR in early December (but NLT December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023) given the holidays and leave schedule of potential parties, as we want make sure this is executed prior to the holidays to ensure no gaps in service when the current period expires on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In the meantime, we'll send out notification to the vendor on the Government's intent to exercise the next option period.

Until then, let me know if you have any additional questions,

(b)(6)

Contracting Officer

Department of Homeland Security | Office of Procurement Operations (OPO)

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**From:** Thomas, Katherine (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 9:17 AM

**To:** Nusbaum, Paula (b)(6)

**Cc:** Palmer, David (b)(6); Pearce, Lauren (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** S1 Legal Defense Beyond January

Hi Paula and (b)(6):

(b)(5)

Best,  
Katherine

**Katherine Aquavia Thomas**  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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