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Federal Emergency Management Agency
Mr. Jeff Ovall, FOIA Public Liaison

Office of Inspector General
Mr. William Holzerland, FOIA Public Liaison

Office of the General Counsel
Mr. David A. Trissell, General Counsel
Fax (202) 646-3958

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Messrs. Ovall, Holzerland, and Trissell:

I am making this request under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Please provide all information pertaining to:

1. The Shaw Group Incorporated's, Fluor's Bechtel's, and CH2M Hill Individual Assistance – Technical Assistance Contracts (IA-TAC) contracts awarded in August and September 2005, including copies of the contract(s), amendments, modifications, press releases, and information retained by the contract officer as governed by FAR Subpart 4.8, including pre and post-award documents and decisions;

2. Communications, including, but not limited to reports, letters, memoranda, and e-mails written from and to Daniel A. Craig, former Director of the Recovery Division, and any employee or agent of the Shaw, Fluor, Bechtel, and CH2M Hill pertaining to the contracts mentioned above;

3. Communications, including, but not limited to reports, letters, memoranda, and e-mails written from and to Daniel A. Craig, former Director of the Recovery Division, and any employee or agent of the Shaw, Fluor, Bechtel, and CH2M Hill pertaining to post-government employment;

4. Records pertaining to Mr. Craig's resignation from FEMA; and

5. Records pertaining to all conflicts of interest and ethics statutes and regulations (including all recusal and disqualification statements, exit plans, advisory opinions, and like ethics information) for Mr. Craig.

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested records will further the "public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest" of the requester, the Project On Government Oversight (POGO). Specifically, POGO intends to use the requested records to highlight how the government spends taxpayer dollars. Additionally, the public has been increasingly interested in conflicts of interest and ethics issues and how those issues impact federal spending. The requested documents will highlight FEMA's contracting process and significantly contribute to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA.

Founded in 1981, POGO is an independent nonprofit that investigates and exposes corruption in order to achieve a more accountable federal government. POGO disseminates information about its activities to thousands of concerned citizens, policymakers, and the media via email, direct mail, and its website http://www.pogo.org, which receives 75,000 visitors monthly. The information provided by the agency will be used for the following activities: publication by email and on our website; publication in reports and newsletters issued by POGO; publication in the
newsletters of affiliated nonprofit organizations; efforts to educate Congress, the Executive Branch, and other policymakers in Washington, DC; or investigational projects conducted in conjunction with the news media.

If this request is denied in full or in part, please cite the exemptions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justify the denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency’s discretionary release powers to disclose the records. Additionally, please release all reasonably segregable portions of the records that do not meet an exemption.

I look forward to your response within 20 days of the receipt of this request, unless, in the case of “unusual circumstances,” the time limitation is “extended by written notice.” I may appeal this request if it is wholly or partially denied or if the agency fails to respond within 20 days. I am aware that, if successful, a federal district court may assess “reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs” per 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).

Please contact me if this request requires further clarification. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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