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Date: 28/02/20
Our Ref: RFI2930
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By Email Only

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI2930

Thank you for your request for information, which we have processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information Request comprising of the questions below so that we can proficiently anticipate your needs at such time when your catering/FM contract comes to tender.

ESS Government services have already successfully provided catering/FM contracts for numerous departments and would welcome the opportunity to take on further government contracts in the future.

- Is a catering restaurant or café provided on the premises?*
- What are the addresses of the buildings in which the restaurants or cafés are located?*
- Who is the current catering incumbent of the catering contract?*
- What is the catering value? (Or is it nil subsidy?) Are the catering facilities shared with other departments?*
- When is the catering service contract due for re-tender?*
- How will it be re-tendered?*
- Is the contract part of a PFI?*
- Is it part of an FM contract? (and if so, what services are also included in the contract?) Who provides the other soft FM services?*
- Who will be the main person leading on the tender during the formal tender process?*
- When will the tender notice be issued?*
- Where will the tender notice be issued?*
- When is the tender due for release?*
- Is it on the CCS framework?*
- Who in the department is responsible for the management of the contract?*
- How many people are there on-site per day?*

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. Please find enclosed to this response Annex A with contains the information held.

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Please note that we do not hold any further information that falls within scope of your remaining questions which have not been answered in Annex A.

In order to conclude that no further information is held, we have searched with our Facilities Management Team who would have the requested information if it were held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

To clarify, we do not have contracts in place with any catering contractors because we only rent space within our Homes England office locations.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Governance Team
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Or by email to;
infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link;
<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,
The Information Governance Team
For Homes England