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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0532-16**

Thank you for your email of 25 May 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*In accordance with s.1 of the Act, which provides a general right of access to information held by public authorities, I wish to receive the following information:*

- ***A copy of the list of bidders at PQQ and/or tender stage (company names) and the tender stage scorecard for all bidders (including winner)***

*I request that any personal data relating to individuals is removed before this information is sent. Should the scorecards be unavailable I would request that the list of PQQ applicants only be submitted.*

I can confirm that FCO Services does hold information relevant to your request. The list of bidders is detailed in the table below. There were 12 in total and have been listed in alphabetical order:

<b>Contract title: Provision of Global Logistics Services</b>	
Agility Project Logistics Ltd	Mail Box Express
Cargo Link Express	National Air Cargo
DHL Global Forwarding (UK) Ltd	Panalpina World Transport Ltd
DSV Air and Sea Ltd	Pentalver Transport
Hellmann Worldwide Logistics Ltd	TNTPost
Kuehne+Nagel Ltd	UPS

The scorecard has been withheld under Section 43 (2) of the FOIA which relates to commercial interests.

Under Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests), information is exempt from disclosure if it has the potential to undermine or prejudice existing or future commercial proceedings of any person (including the public authority holding it). Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act is a qualified exemption and we are required to consider the balance of the public interest in releasing or withholding the information.

We realise that there is a public interest in greater transparency, more specifically an insight into how FCO Services conducts commercial work, and that commercial sensitivity will often diminish over time. However, to publish the scorecards may make existing and potential suppliers reluctant to engage with FCO Services or place bids for further contracts, which would prejudice the commercial interests of FCO Services and may cause damage to our reputation.

There could also be a reaction affecting commercial relations between FCO Services and its current and potential suppliers who may be reluctant to continue to engage with FCO Services for fear that information about them will become public knowledge at some stage and prejudice their commercial interests.

For these reasons we consider the balance of the public interest lies with withholding this information.

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Yours sincerely,

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