



Date: 11 January 2021

Our Ref: RFI3271

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3271

Thank you for your request for information which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You requested the following information:

I want to submit a request for some information from the organisation, in relation to their contract's register.

The contract register should display all the organisations existing/live contracts I would like the register to display the following columns/headings:

1. *Contract Reference*
2. *Contract Title*
3. *Procurement Category*
4. *Supplier Name*
5. *Spend (Total or Annual)*
6. *Contract Duration*
7. *Contract Extensions*
8. *Contract Starting Date*
9. *Expiration Date*
10. *Contract Description [Please provide me with as much detail as possible.]*
11. *Contact Owner (Full contact details if possible.)*
12. *CPV codes/ProClass*

IMPORTANT

1. *For those organisation planning to make an exemption around spend, the spend information I have requested is an overall figure and I am not requesting a complete breakdown of services relating to the spend.*
2. *If the organisation has a CRM system or a similar system there should be a facility to download and extract contract data.*
3. *You may forward me a Weblink to a portal to download the contract register, please make sure all of the organisation's contracts are provided as doing prior research I have found that most organisations have only uploaded a small portion of all of their contracts.*

Please do not think that this is the only information I require if you could provide me with more information that would be great.



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13. *Can you also provide me with contact details of the person responsible for the actual contract's register or someone responsible for API? [Name, Job Title, Telephone, Email Address] At the very least provide me with their actual job title.*

(Meaning of API "a set of functions and procedures that allow the creation of applications which access the features or data of an operating system, application, or other service.")

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the information that you have requested however, we rely on the following exemptions to withhold this information from disclosure;

Section 21 - Information is available to the applicant elsewhere

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

A list of current contracts can be found by searching "Homes England" on Contracts Finder; we have included the link for ease:

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

Section 22 - Information intended for future publication

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/22>

Section 22 is a qualified exemption. This means that in order to withhold information under this exemption, we must consider the public interest in disclosure.

Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of disclosure

Homes England is compliant with the government agenda of transparency and recognises the benefit of publishing the information, particularly when it concerns how Homes England undertakes its work.

Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of non-disclosure

Homes England believes that it is reasonable and sensible to withhold from disclosure contracts that have completed until the date(s) of publication on Contract Finder.



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To withhold information until full details are published and available reflects both Homes England's and other government agency publication schemes and is in line with the accepted mechanism of release for this type of information.

Homes England believes that we should not release the information in advance of publication through Contract Finder. The information requested is continually being updated and collated by the Central Procurement Team at Homes England and therefore requires internal consideration and attention before its published release in the correct format.

The timeframe for publication on Contract Finder is both imminent and ongoing and therefore Homes England believes that the information requested should only be released as part of the intended publication. To release prior to this would serve no public purpose.

Therefore, after careful consideration we have concluded that at this time, the balance of the public interest favours the non-disclosure.

Contract Data/API Contact Details

The department (not person as requested) responsible for this information is Central Procurement:
centralprocurement@homesengland.gov.uk.

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
Homes England – 6th Floor
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50 Victoria Street
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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.



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Yours sincerely,

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