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Dear Mr. Miller:

This is in response to your May 14, 2009, electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request “[a]ll documents, electronic records and other material provided to the Defense Department in response to a pre-solicitation request for information by OSD’s Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy component on the Defense Base Act,” which “...was titled Defense Base Act Acquisition Strategy Questions for Industry and Any Other Interested Parties...” We received your request on that same date.

Mr. Robert R. Jarrett, Director of Operations, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), an Initial Denial Authority determined that 17 records totaling 101 pages responsive to your request must be withheld in their entirety pursuant to Exemption 4 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4), which, if disclosed, would impair the government from obtaining like information in the future or would affect overall program effectiveness.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, should cite FOIA request number 09-F-1003, and should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

*for*  
  
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