

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
FOIA Division
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Washington, DC 20229-1177

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FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all documents and records pertaining to a UAS Predator B Aircraft contract, awarded to General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI) and posted on June 3, 2010. The solicitation number is UAS20052095, and the contract award number is _HSBP1010C00026 for a \$13,684,992 amount. I am requesting the contract, along with any records or communications relating to said contract in any way.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$50. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on government operations in the United States, and that is of current interest to the public because said operations affect the safety of our communities. This information is being sought for dissemination to the general public. I'm currently a freelance journalist. I've written for a number of publications, including the Columbia Journalism Review, AFN Tokyo, The American Independent News Network, Huffington Post, and Viva Colorado.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,