

Transparency and Accountability in Government Contracting

In the spirit of Government transparency and accountability, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center has made available a Freedom of Information Public Act Reading Room for Government Contracts. It is NASA/GSFC's intention to place as many Government Contracts as it lets and as possible in this room.

As such and in accordance with Clause B.2(B) ,Supplies and/or Services To Be Provided, the successful Contractor agrees that it shall provide to the Contracting Officer a redacted electronic PDF, with OCR search capability, version of this contract, contract attachments, contract modifications, purchase orders, Delivery Orders, and/or Task Orders, as applicable. The Contractor agrees and understands that this redacted contract, contract attachments, contract modifications, purchase orders, Delivery Orders, and/or Task Orders shall be placed in the public reading room. Any proposed redactions to the contract and the contract attachments shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer within 45 days after contract award. Further, the contractor agrees that if it proposes redacting any information from the contract or the attachments it shall provide a detailed statement as to its position on the release of the documents/information. Any such statement shall include a sufficiently detailed explanation and be specific to satisfy the standards established under the Freedom of Information Act and interpretative case law to support denial of information to any requester. Broad, all-encompassing statements, either identifying information which should not be released or the rationale supporting non-release, will not be acceptable. Failure of the contractor to submit a redacted contract, with its rationale for any proposed redactions, shall be viewed as the Contractor has not provided comments to a Freedom of Information Act Request and the Government shall have the right to ignore any proprietary markings and post the contract in the public reading room.

If NASA receives in a FOIA request for information redacted by the contractor, the agency will then review any contractor provided written justification to substantiate the redaction and make an independent determination regarding the release of the requested information in accordance with the agency FOIA regulation.