FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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## INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Departments within the General Service Administration: Public Building Service, Property Rehabilitation Br., and the Federal Supply Service send out invitations for bids. An IFB is used for soliciting bids when detailed specifications concerning the product or service are known and can be described in a precise way. A Request for Proposal (RFP) is used for soliciting proposals in response to broader statement of work than would be found in an IFB. An RFP often incorporates performance specifications rather than detailed design specifications.

The detailed design specifications found in an IFB do not necessarily include furniture shampooing, cleanining of upholstered items (i.e. wall deividers etc.); therefore, small purchasing is required. A set-aside program is necessary.

Under Public Law 95-507 (October 24, 1978), small and disadvantaged firms are allowed to enter into contracts with the U.S. government and federal departments, agencies, or offices thereof having procurement powers.

RE: SMALL BUSINESS ACT, enacted on July 18, 1958 (P.L. 85.536) SMALL BUSINESS ACT, amended by P.L. 95-89

## RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting access to the following. In accordance with the instructions, I am identifying the records as clearly and as specifically as possible.

Please send the following information:

- 1. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of private firms, federal, state, and local organizations that have requested furniture cleaning or upholstery shampooing within the last two years (National Capital Region).
- 2. Names and telephone numbers of individuals that have submitted a request to your office for furniture cleaning or upholstery shampooing within the last two years.
- 3. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of individuals that have the authority to make or authorize requests for furniture cleaning within your organization.
- 4. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of personnel assigned to the small purchasing section, small purchasing procedures, and set-aside programs within your department, office, division, branch, agency, and organization, i.e., requirements estimated to cost less than \$10,000.00 (not OSDBU).
- 5. Please send names and telephone numbers of individuals that have job related titles such as: Directors and Chiefs of Procurement, Building Maintenance, Building Supplies and Services, Procurement and Property Management, Supply and Property Management, within your organization, agency, department, office, etc. (National Capital Region).

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) which you think justifies your refusal to release the information, and inform me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you within 10 days, as the law stipulates.

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