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42nd Contracting Squadron
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50 LeMay Plaza South, Bldg. 804
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6334
Attn: FOIA Officer

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request—LexisNexis Contract with Maxwell Air Force Base

Dear FOIA Officer:

It is our understanding that the U.S. Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, has a contract for computer-assisted legal research and/or information services with LexisNexis (a.k.a. Reed Elsevier), and that in accordance with federal law, this contract is a matter of public record. We believe that the contract and/or purchase order was issued by the 42nd Contracting Squadron pursuant to a GSA purchase order (GSA Contract No. GS35F0134L). Attached for your convenience is a copy of a contract award notice posted on the Federal Procurement Data Center (FPDS). Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and DoD Regulation 5400.7/AF Supplement, West hereby requests the following information:

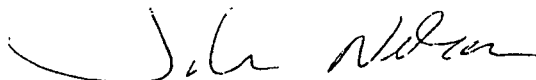
1. One complete paper copy of any and all current contracts that Maxwell Air Force Base/42nd Contracting Squadron has for computer-assisted legal research, and/or information services, with LexisNexis (a.k.a. Reed Elsevier).
2. One copy of any and all purchase orders, delivery orders, and/or any modifications or amendments issued to LexisNexis for computer-assisted legal research and/or information services, for FY2002-FY2004 by Maxwell Air Force Base/42nd Contracting Squadron.

Please be advised that West routinely makes these type of requests for similar contracts with other federal government agencies. As required by 5 U.S.C. § 552, we look forward to your response to our request within twenty (20) business days after receipt. If you deny all or any part of this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial, including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you base your denial, as well as the appeal procedures available under the law. We would expect that any nonexempt information would be separated from the exempt information and disclosed.

West understands that pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552, fees can be charged in processing FOIA requests. West falls under the Fee Category I (commercial use). If there are any fees associated with this FOIA request, please notify me of the amount, and a check will be sent to you promptly.

Please send all correspondence regarding this FOIA request to John S. Nelson, West, 610 Opperman Drive, Office D5-S493, Eagan, Minnesota 55123. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John S. Nelson
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