



**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

October 9, 2012

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EVANSTON, IL 30208

Re: 2013FOIA30

Dear Ms. Stevens:

This acknowledges receipt of your October 25, 2012, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), for Final approved protocols responsive to recommendations #2 and #3 in the DHS OIG March 2012 "Communication Regarding Participation in Secure Communities," pp. 15-16.

#2 states: "This recommendation will remain unresolved until ICE provides its plans for developing protocols outlining procedures, roles, and responsibilities and the names of the responsible officials. The recommendation will remain open until ICE provides a copy of the final approved protocols."

#3 states: "This recommendation will remain unresolved until ICE provides its plans for developing protocols outlining procedures, roles, and responsibilities and the names of the responsible officials. The recommendation will remain open until ICE provides a copy of the final approved protocols." Your request was received in this office on October 2, 2012.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As your request seeks numerous documents that will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner; however, there are currently 2610 open requests ahead of yours.

Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge

you for records in accordance with the DHS Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to educational requesters. As an educational requester you will be charged 10-cents a page for duplication, although the first 100 pages are free. We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. You will be contacted before any further fees are accrued.

We have queried the appropriate program offices within ICE for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2013FOIA30**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at (866) 633-1182. Our mailing address is 500 12th Street, S.W., Stop 5009, Washington, D.C. 20536-5009.

Sincerely,



Catrina M. Pavlik-Keenan
FOIA Officer

