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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: HQ AFMC/PK  
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SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Requests for Abstracts of Proposals

1. HQ AFMC/PK letter dated 18 Feb 98, Freedom of Information Requests for Abstracts of Proposals, is rescinded.
2. It provided guidance that unsuccessful offerors' proposals, including information used in abstracts of proposals, were not releasable in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2305(g). Since then, DoD has issued DoD 5400.7-R, September 1998, which clarifies that an offeror's name, bottom-line price and/or unit prices are not included in the 10 U.S.C. 2305(g) definition of a proposal when set forth in a record other than the proposal itself. However, it also states that such information is subject to (b)(4) "submitter notice" procedures before release.
3. You should consider the following guidelines for using abstracts:
  - a. When using FAR Part 14 procedures (sealed bid), abstracts of bids are public documents in accordance with FAR 14.403(b) and are fully releasable.
  - b. When using FAR Part 15 procedures (competitive proposals), no requirement to use abstracts exists. If you elect to use an abstract with competitive proposals, be advised that you may have to respond to a FOIA request for its release.
4. Refer questions to Mr. Kenneth J. Farr, HQ AFMC/PKPA, DSN 986-0380.

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