



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of the Mayor
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development



VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Dear Ms. Rabinowitz,

This email is in response to your request for documents from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (“Office” or “DMPED”) under the District’s Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) for a copy of the bid submitted in response to Amazon’s request for proposals for its HQ2, any contracts for services rendered regarding the bid, and any marketing budgets regarding Amazon-related expenditures.

A search of this Office’s records resulted in documents responsive to your request. Included with this letter are the responsive records. The District’s bid document is also available online here:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/obviouslydc.com/downloads/AmazonHQ2_Proposal-obviouslydcPublic.pdf

Please know that some responsive records were withheld from production pursuant to the exemption given in D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(1) in that they contain trade secrets and commercial or financial information whose disclosure would result in substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained, and D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(4) under the deliberative process privilege.

Under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, and e-mail and/or U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal must be mailed to: The Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal, and 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov. Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forward to the Freedom of Information Officer of the involved agency or to the agency head of that agency if there is no designated Freedom of Information Officer there. Failure to follow these administrative steps may result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at molly.hofsommer@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

/s Molly Hofsommer

Molly Hofsommer
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