



FEMA

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Colonel Thomas Kirkpatrick
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ATTN: Bernard Plaia, Legal Counsel

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request – Maximum Reasonable Cost Thresholds for Contract
Debris Removal and Disposal
FEMA DR-1603-LA; FOIA Case No.: 08-070 and LA TRO 08-06

Dear Colonel Kirkpatrick:

This letter is a follow-up to our letters sent to you on January 9 and January 12, 2008 regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request for FEMA's reasonable cost matrix concerning contract debris removal and disposal. The document, *Maximum Reasonable Cost Thresholds for Contract Debris Removal and Disposal*, is included with this letter to satisfy your FOIA request.

FEMA has developed and utilized this reasonable cost matrix in order to establish appropriate funding for the Hurricane Katrina-related debris operations throughout Louisiana for FEMA DR-1603-LA. It is based upon the maximum line item unit price accepted by FEMA for eligible work as contracted by local, state, or federal entities in this disaster.

I trust that this information satisfies your request for additional information on FEMA's reasonable cost determinations. Please be advised that your FOIA request and the information you made available as part of this request is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions about this information.

Sincerely,

Jim Stark
Director
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Enclosure