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Via e-mail

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Re: Public Records Request Dated October 7, 2019 – LAN-TEL

Dear Mr. Falcon,

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), responds to the above referenced public records request (PRR) received on October 7, 2019, wherein you requested the following records:

The ACLU seeks records relating to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (“EOHHS”) relationship with LAN-TEL. These records relate to any plan for, acquisition of, and/or use of services and/or technology provided by LAN-TEL. This includes any service that might have been impacted by its partnership with AnyVision and the facial-recognition technology it provides.

The ACLU requests all such records created on or after January 1, 2015, including but not limited to:

1. All communications between or among any representative of the EOHHS and any representative of LAN-TEL, including text messages and emails;
2. All EOHHS communications referencing LAN-TEL or any of its products or services, including text messages and emails;
3. Documents relating to the EOHHS purchase or use of LAN-TEL systems or technologies. This request includes but is not limited to: purchase orders, RFPs, licensing agreements, invoices, and contracts (including non-disclosure agreements);
4. Materials relating to how LAN-TEL’s services and products—including those provided in partnership with AnyVision for the provision of facial-recognition products or services—functions (or functions improperly), including e-mails, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, or specification documents;

5. Training materials related to LAN-TEL's products or services, including if available AnyVision's facial-recognition products and services;
6. Records relating to any mobile application(s) related to LAN-TEL's products or services; and
7. Records relating to any public process or debate about any LAN-TEL's products or services, including meeting agendas or minutes, public notices, analyses, or communications between the EOHHS and elected officials.

On October 15, 2019, we spoke on the telephone and confirmed you are seeking records pertaining to the vendor, LAN-TEL Communications, Inc. (LAN-TEL), and records pertaining to facial recognition technology. As we discussed, EOHHS does not have responsive records pertaining to facial recognition technology.

Please find enclosed a PDF document titled, "LAN-TEL Quote," which details the work relationship between LAN-TEL and EOHHS. LAN-TEL completes wiring for Commonwealth owned buildings.

EOHHS now considers your requests closed.

EOHHS reserves the right to retrieve any exempted, privileged, or otherwise protected materials or information inadvertently included in this production. Any such production is not, and shall not be considered or deemed, a waiver of any applicable privileges or protections from disclosure.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10A, if you believe the agency has violated G.L. c. 66, § 10 and your request was made in writing, you may submit an appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Alexander D. deBlicke

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