

Exhibit 26

Email Correspondence

Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

To: Thomas Rowell
Subject: RE: Primate Products update with Hendry County

That's good news. I'll add it to the case file.

From: Thomas Rowell [mailto:Privacy@primateproducts.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 9:24 AM
Subject: Primate Products update with Hendry County

A press release will be issued by Hendry County concerning the investigation in to zoning violations by Primate Products. The investigations is complete and a findings of NO VIOLATIONS was issued. j

<http://etrakit.hendryfla.net/etrakit/Search.aspx?Group=CASE>

Case#	15-0240
Case Name	LAND USE/ACTIVITY INCONSISTENT WITH ZONING
Type	ZONING DISTRICT
Subtype	ZONING VIO-DIST5
Officer	KELLY ANDERS
Referred To	Planning & Zoning
Status	NO VIOLATION
Opened	3/26/2015
Closed	8/18/2015
Last Action	7/27/2015
Follow Up	7/27/2015
Referral	

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS <Gregory.S.Gaj@aphis.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:44 AM
To: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Thanks Brent. You can call my desk phone : 727-397- [redacted] or my cell: [redacted] telephone #

Talk with you Thursday.

Greg

From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E] [mailto:morseb@mail.nih.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:40 AM
To: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Great. We'll call you at 9:00 EDT on Thursday. Probably take 10-15 minutes. Thanks Greg. Brent

BTW – my cell # is [redacted] telephone #

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From: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS [mailto:Gregory.S.Gaj@aphis.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:37 AM
To: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]; Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Stokes, William S - APHIS; Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Yes, I can be available at 9:00 or the other times mentioned.

From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E] [mailto:morseb@mail.nih.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:25 AM
To: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS; Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Stokes, William S - APHIS; Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Hi Greg,

Would you be available at 9:00 this Thursday or between 1:00 and 2:00 for a short conference call with Axel and me?

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 1:39 PM
To: 'Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS'; Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Stokes, William S - APHIS; Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Thank you all for handling this. We look forward to accompanying our USDA colleagues on this important site visit.
Axel Wolff

From: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS [mailto:Gregory.S.Gaj@aphis.usda.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Stokes, William S - APHIS; Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Sounds good, I plan to be in my office all week and can be reached at: 727-397-[REDACTED] or by cell at [REDACTED] telephone # [REDACTED] Thanks

Greg

From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E] [mailto:morseb@mail.nih.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Stokes, William S - APHIS; Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Thank you Greg. I will speak with Dr. Wolff on Monday and get back to you, but I expect we will stay at the same hotel, arriving on the 10th and if possible (depending on flights) departing on the 11th. We'll arrange a time to speak with you next week as well. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Brent

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From: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS [mailto:Gregory.S.Gaj@aphis.usda.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 12:02 PM
To: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Stokes, William S - APHIS; Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Hi Brent,

We will be staying at the Springhill Suites in Ft. Myers with check in August 10 and departing August 13th. As previously mentioned, we'll plan to start the inspection Tuesday morning the 11th.

Address: 9501 Market Place Road, Ft. Myers, FL 33912
Phone: 239-561-1803

Govt rate \$93.00/night

Hope to see you in the evening on August 10th.

Greg

From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E] [<mailto:morseb@mail.nih.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Stokes, William S - APHIS; Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Thanks Greg. I think this will work. Doctor Wolff has been to the facility and we'll have a rental car. We hope it will be possible for us to meet you on the 10th, perhaps have dinner and discuss the plan for the next day. We look forward to speaking with you next week.

Regards, Brent

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From: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS [<mailto:Gregory.S.Gaj@aphis.usda.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 4:50 PM
To: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Stokes, William S - APHIS
Subject: RE: PPI

Hi Brent,

I think we can coordinate via email then firm up the logistics next week.

The inspection is unannounced and my team plans to start the inspection on Tuesday, August 11th between 9-10:00. We plan to travel to the Ft Myers area on the 10th and stay in a hotel. The closest airport is Southwest Florida International, but AC personnel usually fly into Tampa or Miami/Ft. Lauderdale .

The facility is in a remote location south of the farming community of Immokalee and it would be easier to follow us or ride with one of us to the facility.

I haven't reserved a hotel at this point, but will provide that information later this week. Thanks

Greg

telephone #

From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E] [<mailto:morseb@mail.nih.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: PPI

Hello Greg,

Doctor Axel Wolff, OLAW's Director of the Division of Compliance Oversight, is out of the office until this Friday, but I expect that he'll want to coordinate a site visit to Primate Products with you. Can you give us some details about the timing of the visit and whether or not it is an unannounced visit for your purposes? We expect to fly in the day before and leave the evening of the visit understanding that you may need to continue the inspection on the subsequent day, or days. If you prefer to call me, I'll be in the office essentially all week. My direct # is 301-594-2921. Thank you.

Regards, Brent

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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health

From: Stokes, William S - APHIS [<mailto:William.S.Stokes@aphis.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:29 PM
To: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]; Goldentyer, Betty J - APHIS; Gaj, Gregory S - APHIS; Petervary, Nicolette - APHIS
Subject: PPI

Hi Axel,

I received your voicemail about PPI from last week while I was at the AVMA meeting, and tried to call on my return, but I believe you and Brent are both out this week. We would be glad to have you accompany our inspection team on their next inspection, which is scheduled for the week of August 10. Dr. Greg Gaj, our Supervisor for the Southeastern states, will be coordinating the inspection, and will serve as your POC for logistics, etc. I have copied him on this email, and he can also be reached by phone at telephone #

If you have any other questions, please feel to call me. I'll be in the office on July 20-21, and available by cell the rest of next week.

Bill

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]
Subject: RE: Animal Welfare Assurance # A4102-01 (OLAW Case F)

[REDACTED] shared the email below and we have some questions and were wondering if perhaps a conference call might be helpful. Can we set up a conference call?

[REDACTED], DVM, DACLAM/Director, Division of Veterinary Resources/National Institutes of Health/9000 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 14A/103/Bethesda, Maryland 20892/phone: 301.451. [REDACTED] cell: [REDACTED] telephone # [REDACTED] e-mail: [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov

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<http://www.ors.od.nih.gov/sr/dvr/Pages/default.aspx>

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:51 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/VRC) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]
Cc: [REDACTED] (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: FW: Animal Welfare Assurance # A4102-01 (OLAW Case F)

Hello All.

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Please review the attached and let me know the specific issues you'd like to address with PPI; and if you feel that there should be any modifications to the SOW specifically addressing animal care.

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From: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:44 AM
To: [REDACTED] NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: FW: Animal Welfare Assurance # A4102-01 (OLAW Case F)

H [REDACTED]

As we discussed, here is the response from PPI which is being sent to you in your capacity as contract officer for NIAID. I also discussed the issue with [REDACTED] Director, ORS. The contract for support should definitely continue, but while the matter is under investigation NIH should not be receiving monkeys from PPI. Please copy me if you create a cure notice. I will continue to keep you and [REDACTED] in the loop as this case continues.

Thanks for your assistance.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
OLAW

From: Thomas Rowell [mailto:[REDACTED] Privacy [REDACTED]@primateproducts.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 2:54 PM
To: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Paul Houghton
Subject: Animal Welfare Assurance # A4102-01 (OLAW Case F)

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Paul Houghton asked that I forward the attached letter and the response from PPI's Animal Care and Use Committee (signed copy by the ACUC on site) which addresses the allegations and questions in your letter dated 05 June 2015. Please contact me if I can provide additional information. I can be reached at [REDACTED] telephone # [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Jeff

PS. I ask that you distribute the response as you deem appropriate.

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 12:42 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: [REDACTED] (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: OLAW memo

Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed is the memo detailing OLAW's expectations concerning the NIAID contract with Primate Products, Inc., (HHSN272201400003I, Maintenance of a Specific Pathogen Free Indian-Origin Rhesus Macaque Breeding Program). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me, Dr. Wolff or Dr. Morse with any questions.

Sincerely,



NIAID Contract
PPI.pdf

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Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: [REDACTED] (CDC/OID/NCEZID)
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:47 AM
To: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: Monkeys

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Brent: Hope this finds you well. I checked with senior management and CDC does not purchase monkeys from PPI. However, we get monkeys from other places and ultimately they might have come through import quarantine at PPI. Records don't always tell the entire story.

Have fun with your PPI site visit.



Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 12:53 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]
Cc: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]
Subject: OLAW memos

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Dear [REDACTED]
Enclosed are the memos detailing OLAW's expectations concerning the two NIH contracts with Primate Products, Inc. (HHSN272201400003I and HHSN263201000051I). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me, Dr. Wolff or Dr. Morse with any questions.



ORS Contract
PPI.pdf



NIAID Contract
PPI.pdf

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Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: [redacted] NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 11:18 AM
To: [redacted] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]; Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E];
[redacted] (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]
Cc: [redacted] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]; [redacted] (NIH/OD) [E]; [redacted] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: Animal Welfare Assurance # A4102-01 (OLAW Case F)
Importance: High

Good Morning,
Per direction from the CO of the contract no cure notice shall be issued to PPI at this juncture. You are hereby instructed not to communicate any contractual directives to PPI unless so authorized by the CO, [redacted] or [redacted]

The rationale for this position will be discussed at the 2PM conference call.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Contract Officer
Branch 2 Contracts
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Rockville, MD 20892-7540
(301) 402- [redacted]



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Attachments: OLAW Response From ACUC 01 July 2015.pdf; img-150629194757-0001.pdf

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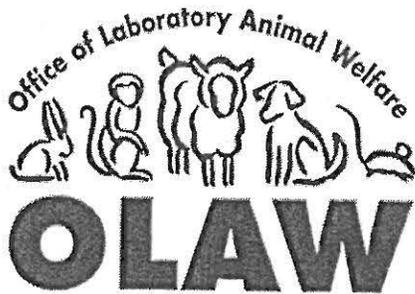
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Record of Call for Case # A 4102-F

Date & Time	Message	Initials
9:30 7/9/15	Spoke w/ [redacted] + indicated no monkeys are to be shipped to NIH while case is open. He	AW
	wants a copy of Congress letter. He is in touch w/ Charmaine Falty, understands the nature of the case.	
9:45 7/9/15	Talked w/ [redacted] Contract officer for NIAID. Told her not to have monkeys shipped	AW
	but to keep support contract open. Will keep her informed, provided a copy of PFI response + requested	
	copy of curemotic.	

Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 6:08 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]; Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: WGPU: Primate Products

FYI: This company has several contracts with intramural NIH and is required to have an Animal Welfare Assurance and follow the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. OLAW has oversight responsibility because of the Assurance.

Here are answers to the reporter's questions:

1.) Can you confirm NIH is investigating Primate Products?

NIH's Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) has opened an investigation regarding the allegations sent to NIH by PETA.

2.) Members of Congress sent a letter to HHS on Friday, asking Secretary Burwell to investigate the company.

Hypothetically, if HHS were to investigate, would that duty go to NIH?

OLAW's oversight extends beyond NIH to all HHS-supported research activities that involve animals. OLAW monitors HHS-funded institutions to ensure their compliance with animal welfare laws and policies. OLAW also investigates allegations concerning animal welfare and appropriate animal care in all HHS-funded studies.

3.) If HHS were to investigate, would it look at anything outside of what NIH is looking at?

See answer to question 2.

4.) If NIH is investigating Primate Products, is it fair to say then that HHS is already investigating Primate Products?

Yes.

Additional background:

NIH cannot predict how long the investigation will take, as the length of each investigation is unique to the case and can range from weeks to many months. All animals used in NIH-funded research are protected by laws, regulations, and policies to ensure the smallest possible number of subjects and the greatest commitment to their welfare. NIH takes very seriously all allegations of non-compliance to these policies and investigates every allegation. NIH does not comment on allegations while an investigation is underway.

Information about OLAW's compliance investigation procedures can be found at

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/ComplianceOversightProc.pdf>.

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From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 5:36 PM
To: Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]; Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]

Cc: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]

Subject: FW: WGPU: Primate Products

Good afternoon-

We received the below inquiry. HHS referred the reporter to us. Would you know if this is a PHS funded project? We checked RePORT using the company name and received no results. Also would this be something that NIH investigates if it isn't funded by NIH and for our own knowledge, what oversight does USDA have compared to us?

Thank you in advance for your guidance and input,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@wgpu.org]

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 2:52 PM

To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]

Subject: WGPU: Primate Products

Hi [REDACTED]

This is [REDACTED] with WGPU, the NPR member station for Southwest Florida.

There are a few things I'm curious about when it comes to a primate breeding facility in Southwest Florida. The company's name is Primate Products, Inc. Congress members sent a letter to HHS on Friday asking them to investigate the facility based on findings by the USDA and a PETA videotape.

Below are some questions:

- 1.) Can you confirm NIH is investigating Primate Products?
- 2.) Members of Congress sent a letter to HHS on Friday, asking Secretary Burwell to investigate the company. Hypothetically, if HHS were to investigate, would that duty go to NIH?
- 3.) If HHS were to investigate, would it look at anything outside of what NIH is looking at?
- 4.) If NIH is investigating Primate Products, is it fair to say then that HHS is already investigating Primate Products?

Below you'll find a link to my news article on the letter. At the bottom is a copy of the letter:

<http://news.wgpu.org/post/congress-members-ask-hhs-investigate-primate-breeding-facility>

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Reporter
WGPU News

o: [REDACTED]

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:05 AM
To: 'Thomas Rowell'
Subject: RE: OSHA Response

Thank you for your forthrightness in sharing this important document, Jeff. I will add it to the file. Please continue to provide us with all relevant information regarding this situation, in addition to the specific OLAW questions.

Axel Wolff

From: Thomas Rowell [mailto: [REDACTED]@primateproducts.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 7:56 AM
To: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: FW: OSHA Response

Just keeping OLAW in loop. Response to OSHA as a result of adverse incident. USDA response to follow when complete.

ACUC has targeted week of 29 June to complete their investigation of alleged incidents outlined by OLAW. J

Thomas J. Rowell, DVM
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[REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]

From: Paul Houghton <[REDACTED]@primateproducts.com>
To: Ward, Joan (NIH/OD) [C]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:43 AM
Subject: Read: OLAW A4102-01, Case-F

Your message

To:
Subject: OLAW A4102-01, Case-F
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:43:26 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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[REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:32 AM
Subject: Read: OLAW A4102-01, Case-F

Your message

To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: OLAW A4102-01, Case-F
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:25:54 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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[REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD/ORS) [E]
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:27 AM
Subject: Read: OLAW A4102-01, Case-F

Your message

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Subject: OLAW A4102-01, Case-F
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 10:25:54 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 10:41 AM
To: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: FW: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.
Attachments: PRIMATE PRODUCTS.PDF; HHSN272201400003I Contract Final FE.PDF

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 10:19 AM
To: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: FW: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.

Axel,

Here's information from [REDACTED] about the two contracts.
I hope this helps. Let me know if you'd like me to do anything else.

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 10:10 AM
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]
Subject: RE: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.

[REDACTED] For your viewing pleasure I've attached copies of the contract that you have requested. I serve as the COR on both of these contracts.

For 51i,

[REDACTED] is the contract Specialist [REDACTED]@OD.NIH.GOV. This contract is titled NHP acquisition, Testing and Transportation. This contract is primary used for the acquisition of NHPS. There are occasion when we request blood samples for animals identified for purchase so the PI can perform in-house screening for viruses that are not typically provided by the commercial testing labs, blood samples are a specific line item within this contract. There are NHP SPF requests that request additional diagnostic tests that would require rectal and/or fecal cultures and samples as well. We have on a few occasion asked vendors, on this multiple award contract, to provide Pole and Collar training of NHP for specific orders based on the request of the PI. PPI has not been the successful bidder to date on these P&C training orders.

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Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Alf

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DVR, ORS
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Ph:301-401-[REDACTED]
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DVR web Site: <http://dvrnet.ors.od.nih.gov>

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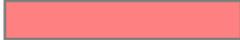
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HHHSN272201400003i
HHSN2632201000051i

We have not found any information about these contracts, so we're checking to see if perhaps you have information on these contracts. Specifically, we would like to know name of the project officer(s) so Dr. Wolff can copy them in his correspondence, and if you could tell us the nature of the contracts (animal purchase, blood purchase, specific procedures performed for NIH).

Thanks very much; we appreciate any information you can give us.



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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Stokes, William S - APHIS (William.S.Stokes@aphis.usda.gov)
Subject: Update on PPI

Hi Bill,

OLAW has now received the PETA allegations on PPI along with a 45 minute video. We have opened a case and will cc Betty. NIH has 2 contracts with PPI for the items noted below. Please send me a copy of the USDA findings as soon as possible.

- 1) This contract is titled NHP acquisition, Testing and Transportation. This contract is primary used for the acquisition of NHPS. There are occasion when we request blood samples for animals identified for purchase so the PI can perform in-house screening for viruses that are not typically provided by the commercial testing labs, blood samples are a specific line item within this contract. There are NHP SPF requests that request additional diagnostic tests that would require rectal and/or fecal cultures and samples as well. We have on a few occasion asked vendors, on this multiple award contract, to provide Pole and Collar training of NHP for specific orders based on the request of the PI. PPI has not been the successful bidder to date on these P&C training orders.
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Thanks,
Axel

Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 1:12 PM
To: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: FW: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.

*CC contract offices
USDA*

Hi Axel. More information about Primate Products.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 12:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]
Subject: RE: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.

Hi [REDACTED]

I just found out that the other NIH intramural Primate Products, Inc. contract is with the Office of Research Services/Division of Veterinary Resources.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:56 AM

To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]

Subject: RE: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.

Thank you again, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]

Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:54 AM

To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]

Cc: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]

Subject: RE: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.

H [REDACTED]

The NIAID Vaccine Research Center currently utilizes Primate Products, Inc. for animal support services.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Associate Director for Training, Education, and Program Liaison
Office of Animal Care and Use
(301) 435- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [C]

Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 10:36 AM

To: [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]; [REDACTED] (NIH/OD) [E]

Subject: Request from OLAW about support for Primate Products, Inc.

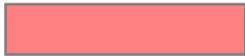
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