



OFFICE OF THE
STATE AUDITOR

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Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

This letter is in response to your GRAMA requests received March 3, 2021 in which you requested the following records:

- (1) Any and all records maintained or in the possession of the Office of the State Auditor, between the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the State Auditor, relating to the audit titled, "Limited Review of State Emergency Procurements and Emergency Response." This request includes, but is not limited to, records between Kristen Cox and the Office of the State Auditor.
- (2) Any and all records maintained or in the possession of the Office of the State Auditor, between the Governor's Office and the Office of the State Auditor, relating to the audit titled, "Limited Review of State Emergency Procurements and Emergency Response." This request includes, but is not limited to, records between Chief of Staff Justin Harding and the Office of the State Auditor.
- (3) Any and all records maintained or in the possession of the Office of the State Auditor, between the Department of Administrative Services- Division of Purchasing and General Services and the Office of the State Auditor, relating to the audit titled, "Limited Review of State Emergency Procurements and Emergency Response." This request includes, but is not limited to, records between Christopher Hughes and the Office of the State Auditor.

We currently have records that are responsive to your request. These records can be sent electronically or by mail, upon receipt of the amount cited in the attached invoice.

The records include available communications between the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) and Justin Harding, Christopher Hughes, and Kristen Cox for the limited review of state emergency procurements and emergency response, which resulted in OSA Report No. GOV-20-SP. Upon receipt of your payment, you will receive a zip folder containing the pertinent correspondence, as well as a file named Correspondence Index, which will detail the contents and attachments of the correspondence as requested.

It should be noted that all documents responsive to your request will not be provided at this time pursuant to the requirements of GRAMA. Many records are records for which the OSA is not the record holder. These records were provided by the Governor's Office and Purchasing to the OSA and, thus, should be obtained directly from those respective entities.

In addition, a few of the requested records in possession of the OSA are non-public records based upon *Utah Code* § 63G-2-305. As such, these records cannot be provided at this time.

Pursuant to *Utah Code* § 63G-2-401, you have the right to appeal the response to this request to the chief administrative officer, John Dougall, Utah State Auditor. Your notice of appeal must be submitted within 30 days of the above date and must include your name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and

an explanation of the relief sought. You may also include any supporting information with your notice of appeal. Your appeal may be submitted at the address listed below.

Please be aware that all GRAMA requests are posted on our website as a matter of office practice (with personal information, such as address, redacted). We do this to provide transparency and accountability to the public at large.

Sincerely,

Mandy Teerlink, Records Officer
Office of the State Auditor