



OFFICE OF THE  
**STATE AUDITOR**

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Dear Ms. Seder:

This letter is in response to your GRAMA request dated July 20, 2021 which we received in our office that same day. In your letter, you requested the following records:

All information re: Department of Agriculture & Food, Special Project for the period April 2019 through June 2020 Report No. DAG-20-OA (Office of the State Auditor) issued 11/2020 (the Audit Report),

All information re: bid and procurement process re: Cannabis Grower License Award Process in the summer of 2019, including documents relating to the evaluation committee, UDAF's evaluation and award processes and evaluation criteria

All information from UDAF relating to or responding to Auditor's report issued 11/17/2020 Report No. DAG-20-OA

All information from UDAF relating to the UDAF Audit, including information relating to the letter to the Office of the Auditor from R. Logan Wilde (UDAF) dated 11/13/2020, including but not limited to any guidance requested by UDAF and any response provided by any government entity (including the Attorney General's office and other state agencies)

All information (from both the Procurement Policy Board and UDAF) relating to the Appeal to Utah State Procurement Policy Board concerning Notice of Decision against Pure UT LLC, Solicitation Number and Title: DB19063-Medical Cannabis Cultivators License, and the Protest Appeal Decision, Appeal No. 19-5 (Pure UT v. Utah Department of Agriculture and Food).

All information (from both the Procurement Policy Board and UDAF), relating to the Protest Appeal Decision, Appeal No. 19-5, including but not limited to the Procurement Policy Board's decision to "remand[] to DAF for further proceedings consistent with this Decision because too few licenses were awarded by DAF according to the requirements of the Utah Code," the proceedings and actions, if any, taken in response to the remand, and the current status of the matter.

All information relating to Solicitation #DB19063, including the rejection of Pure UT LLC's submission, and evaluations, rankings, and scoring for all applicants

We currently have records responsive to your request. However, the documents responsive to your request cannot be provided at this time. Due to an investigation, the records are currently protected under Utah Code § 63G-2-305(10). We will attempt to satisfy your request once the investigative hold has been lifted, but we do not have a timeframe for when the hold will be lifted.

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-401, you have the right to appeal the denial of 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 denial 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.

Sincerely,

Mandy Teerlink  
Records Officer  
Office of the Utah State Auditor