



State of California  
Office of the Attorney General

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Custodian of Public Records  
Florida Division of Emergency Management  
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Request for Records Related to Transportation of Migrants to California

Dear Records Custodian:

I write to request, pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, copies of all public records in your agency's possession related to the transportation of migrants to California. The California Department of Justice is requesting that your agency provide these materials in order to assist in ongoing law-enforcement investigations relating to these transports, and we appreciate your prompt response hereto.

This request encompasses every record related to the transportation of migrants into California, whether carried out under SB 6-B, the Unauthorized Alien Transport Program, Executive Order 23-03, or any other authority. It encompasses but is not limited to transportations that originated in El Paso, TX, Las Cruces, NM, and/or Deming, NM, and arrived in Sacramento, CA on June 2, 2023 and June 5, 2023, as well as any future transportations.

The records covered by this request include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Unredacted versions of all bids or proposals submitted to your agency in response to Request for Proposal No. RFP-DEM-22-23-028. Redactions protecting trade secrets are not required where, as here, the trade secret information will be used by the California Department of Justice for investigative and law-enforcement purposes. See Fla. Stat. § 119.0715(3) ["an agency may disclose a trade secret to an officer or employee of another . . . government entity whose use of the trade secret is within the scope of his or her lawful duties and responsibilities"].

2. Unredacted versions of all bids or proposals accepted by your agency in response to Request for Proposal No. RFP-DEM-22-23-028. Redactions protecting trade secrets are not required where, as here, the trade secret information will be used by the California Department of Justice for investigative and law-enforcement purposes. See Fla. Stat. § 119.0715(3) [“an agency may disclose a trade secret to an officer or employee of another . . . government entity whose use of the trade secret is within the scope of his or her lawful duties and responsibilities”].
3. Unredacted versions of all invoices and payment records related to any contracts for services related to the transportation of migrants to California. Redactions protecting trade secrets are not required where, as here, the trade secret information will be used by the California Department of Justice for investigative and law-enforcement purposes. See Fla. Stat. § 119.0715(3) [“an agency may disclose a trade secret to an officer or employee of another . . . government entity whose use of the trade secret is within the scope of his or her lawful duties and responsibilities”].
4. Communications between your agency and any person or entity that submitted a bid or proposal in response to Request for Proposal No. RFP-DEM-22-23-028.
5. Communications between your agency and any person or entity that contracts or contracted with your agency under Request for Proposal No. RFP-DEM-22-23-028.
6. Communications between your agency and any private person, organization, or business entity involved in the transportation of migrants to California, including but not limited to Vertol Systems Company, Inc., and Berry Aviation.
7. Any instructions or orders provided by your agency to any private person, organization, or business entity involved in the transportation of migrants to California, including but not limited to Vertol Systems Company, Inc., and Berry Aviation.
8. Communications between your agency and any migrants transported to California.
9. Communications between your agency and any migrants regarding transportation to California, regardless of whether those migrants were ultimately transported.
10. Communications between any officer or employee of your agency and the Florida Governor’s Office regarding the transportation of migrants to California.
11. Any video recordings, photographs, or documents depicting or relating to asylum seekers or migrants transported to California.

Please produce all electronic records in the medium or format in which those records are maintained, consistent with Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(f). To the extent your agency refuses to produce any records sought by this request, it must advise our office of that refusal in writing, identify the specific exemption to the Public Records Act that applies, and state the reason for the refusal with particularity pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(e)-(f).

As these records are relevant to an ongoing law-enforcement investigation, we request that you produce the records within 30 days of receiving this letter. Our office agrees to pay any reasonable, statutorily authorized costs associated with gathering and producing the records, and is amenable to receiving the records electronically. However, if you anticipate that this request will require “extensive use” of information technology resources or “extensive” clerical or supervisory assistance within the meaning of Fla. Stat. § 119.07(4)(d), please provide a written estimate and justification.

Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact Special Assistant Attorney General Michael Redding at [michael.redding@doj.ca.gov](mailto:michael.redding@doj.ca.gov) if you have questions regarding this request or to coordinate delivery.

Sincerely,



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