

# U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council, Inc.

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***It's Classified? What Was So Sensitive That USAID Would Publish Photographs Of Boxes, But Refuse To Provide Details About Contents In The Boxes?***

**USAID Required Nearly Eighteen Months- 546 Days, To Provide Information About PPE Donated To Cuba.**

**FOIA Filed 14 October 2022. Answer Provided 11 April 2024.**

***What Was Provided? Four-Page Letter. Three Pages Of Redacted Emails. One Page Data Sheet.***

***Why Was Disclosing This Data So Controversial? Six Pallets Totaling 1,174 Pounds Of Firefighting Turnout Coats (43), Firefighting Turnout Pants (43), Firefighting Rubber Boots (43), And Firefighting Gloves (43) With A Total Value Of US\$167,872.00 Provided By Houston, Texas-Based Kellogg Brown And Root Services, Inc. (KBR; 2023 Revenue US\$6.9 Billion).***

**Focusing Upon Media Coverage: USAID Permits Photographs For Promotion, But Refused To Provide Details. USAID Administrator Samantha Power Is A Former Journalist.**

The lack of transparency by the Washington DC-based United States Agency for International Development (USAID) which operates under the auspice of the United States Department of State, was both destructive and malignant for the United States business community. Executives equate transparency with guidance and support.

When the Biden-Harris Administration (2021- ) decided in 2022 to provide *Made-In-America* firefighting equipment (PPE- Personal Protective Equipment) to the government of the Republic of Cuba, United States-based company executives interpreted the motivation in a positive manner.

The United States Embassy in Havana, Republic of Cuba, published images of the delivery presentation. Clearly, an effort to promote the United States taxpayer-funded delivery of the PPE. *If USAID was seeking to promote its efforts, then how to justify refusing to provide the details about the PPE?*

USAID then refused for eighteen (18) months to provide basic information about the delivered PPE- manufacturer, quantity, price, and critically the source of funding.

The result is destructive because United States-based companies look to the transparency of the United States government as a primary indicator of whether engagement with the Republic of Cuba makes sense.

Lack of transparency equates to a **STOP** sign. The malignancy develops because executives speak with one another- and in this instance shared a cautionary tale rather than an opportunity for engagement.

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- **11 April 2024:** *“Attached please find United States Agency for International Development 2nd and final response to your October 14, 2023 FOIA request.”*
- **26 February 2024:** *“Attached please find the 1st interim response to your October 14, 2022 FOIA request. Please be advised that this is not our final response as we are still awaiting further records from the respective programs. The records will be assessed and processed upon receipt. We will continue to provide you with interim releases until such time all records have been received. Thank you for your interest in USAID and continued patience.”*
- **26 January 2024:** *“My apologies; the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Please be advised that FOIA No. X-XXXXX-XX has been escalated and is still being processed. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. The FOIA office will provide you with another status update and an estimated time of completion on or before March 29, 2024. Thank you for your continued patience.”*
- **6 December 2023:** *“The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Please be advised that FOIA No. X-XXXXX-XX has been escalated and is still being processed. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. The FOIA office will provide you with another status update and an estimated time of completion on or before December 29, 2023. Thank you for your continued patience.”*
- **24 August 2023:** *“Thank you for your continued patience while we process your FOIA request. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. Please know that USAID management is very committed to providing responses to FOIA requests and remedying the FOIA backlog. I will provide you with an update on or before September 5, 2023.”*
- **16 August 2023:** *“Thank you for your continued patience while we process your FOIA request. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. Please know that USAID management is very committed to providing responses to FOIA requests and remedying the FOIA backlog. I will provide you with an update on or before August 23, 2023.”*
- **17 July 2023:** *“Thank you for your continued patience. Additional search time is needed to complete your request. I will provide you with an update on or before July 31, 2023.”*
- **16 June 2023:** *“Greetings, Thank you for your continued patience. Additional search time is needed to complete your request. I will provide you with an update on or before June 30, 2023.”*
- **24 May 2023:** *“Greetings, We are still working on your FOIA request and should have a response for you by June 14, 2023.”*

“This acknowledges receipt of your **October 14, 2022**, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Specifically, you requested **all information about the following delivery in August 2022/September 2022/October 2022 from USAID of PPE to Cuba: 1) How was the donation delivered- air,**

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vessel? 2) What is the brand/manufacturer of the PPE? 3) Was the delivery directly to a Republic of Cuba government-operated entity or through first the U.S. Embassy in Havana? 4) What was the U.S. Dollar value of the delivered 43 sets of PPE? 5) What is the U.S. Dollar value of the 57 sets of PPE to be delivered? 6) Did USAID use its government funding for the purchase(s)? (Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2022 To 10/14/2022). You also requested expedited processing and a fee waiver.

## Expedited Processing

The FOIA provides that expedited processing is warranted if the request involves circumstances in which the lack of expedited processing could (1) reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual, or (2) an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information. You indicated you requested expedited processing "because the public has an urgent and compelling need for information about the all information about the following delivery in August 2022/September 2022/October 2022 from USAID of PPE to Cuba: 1) How was the donation delivered- air, vessel? 2) What is the brand/manufacturer of the PPE? 3) Was the delivery directly to a Republic of Cuba government-operated entity or through first the U.S. Embassy in Havana? 4) What was the U.S. Dollar value of the delivered 43 sets of PPE? 5) What is the U.S. Dollar value of the 57 sets of PPE to be delivered? 6) Did USAID use its government funding for the purchase(s)? (Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2022 To 10/14/2022). After review of your justification, your request for expedited processing is denied. Your rationale does not articulate an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual, nor is it an urgency to inform the public. Below is information on how to submit an appeal for this expedited processing denial.



## Fee Waiver

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The FOIA provides that fees should be waived or reduced if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. As a member of the media, the only applicable fee is duplication. Duplication is \$0.10 per page, but the first 100 pages are free. After review of the fee waiver criteria, your fee waiver request is moot. Since the only applicable fee is duplication, and USAID routinely furnishes responsive records to FOIA requesters in electronic format, it's most likely there will be no duplication fees to assess.

### Appeal rights

You have a right to appeal the denial of expedited processing. Your appeal must be received by USAID no later than 90 days from the date of this communication. To protect its workforce from COVID-19, USAID is implementing maximum telework. Our FOIA professionals are therefore working from home and do not have access to postal mail and fax machine. Please send your appeal to foia@usaid.gov, and address it to the Deputy Director of the Bureau for Management, Office of Management Services. In addition, please include your tracking number in your email.

### Extending the FOIA's Time Limits due to Unusual Circumstances

The FOIA provides that an agency may extend its time limits when “unusual circumstances” occur in the processing of a request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i) (2016). Those “unusual circumstances” are set forth in the statute, 5 U.S.C § 552(a)(6)(B)(iii), and are described as: 1) The need to search for records from field facilities or other locations separate from the office processing the request; 2) The need to search, collect and examine voluminous records; and 3) The need for consultation with another agency. Based upon the records you have requested, we have determined that one or more unusual circumstances will occur during the processing of your request. Accordingly, your response time-limit has been extended beyond the 20 days required by statute; therefore, 10 additional processing days have been added to your request. To mitigate this action, you may limit the scope of the request so that it can be processed more quickly or to arrange an alternative time to respond.”

**United States Department of State  
Washington DC  
18 October 2022**

U.S. Support for Hurricane Ian Recovery Efforts in Cuba  
Ned Price, Department Spokesperson

“Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Ian, the United States is providing to the Cuban people critical humanitarian aid to trusted international partners working directly with Cubans whose communities were devastated by the storm. The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development, will provide \$2 million in funding for emergency relief to those in need in Cuba. The United States will work with trusted, independent organizations operating in the country who have a long presence in hurricane-affected communities. We are currently reviewing applications from organizations such as the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to provide this assistance. We stand with the Cuban people as they work to recover from this disaster. The United States will continue to monitor and assess humanitarian needs in coordination with our trusted partners and the international community, and we will continue to seek ways to provide meaningful support to the Cuban people, consistent with U.S. laws and regulations.”

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Bruno Rodriguez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, using Twitter (X): *"We appreciate humanitarian assistance offer made by the US. This material contribution that is worth 2 million USD, channelled through the International Federation of Red Cross, will add up to our recovery efforts in support of the victims of the ravages caused by #HurricaneIan."*

**United States Department of State**  
**Washington DC**  
**19 October 2022**

Question Posed: *"Prior to today's announcement that USAID was spending US\$2 million in taxpayer funds for indirect assistance to Cuba, when was the last time that taxpayer funds were directed, directly or indirectly, by the United States government to Cuba?"*

**United States Department of State**  
**Washington DC**  
**21 October 2022**

"Thanks for the question and your patience. The following is offered on background and should be attributable to a State Department spokesperson:

"Each year since 1996, USAID and the Department of State have funded democracy programs that support human rights, fundamental freedoms, and democratic values in Cuba. In September 2022, USAID provided personal protective equipment in response to diminished fire-fighting capacity following the large-scale oil fire at the Matanzas Oil Terminal.

In 2008, USAID provided \$1.6 million to non-governmental organization (NGO) partners for emergency relief supplies in response to the impact of Hurricane Gustav. USAID also funded emergency relief commodities through a disaster response cable for damages caused by hurricanes in 2004-2006. USAID provided \$50,000 for Hurricane Charley in 2004, \$100,000 for Hurricane Dennis in 2005, and \$100,000 for Hurricane Wilma in 2006.

Since early 2021, we have prioritized review of license applications to export privately sourced or donated goods to the Cuban people, focusing specifically on U.S. agricultural and medical exports to Cuba."

## **LINKS To Related Analysis**

[Why Is USAID Administrator Samantha Power Risking Lawsuit For Failing To Disclose Data Sought By FOIA Request Filed In 2022 About PPE Deliveries In 2022 To Cuba. August 08, 2023](#)

[In Controversial Decision, Biden-Harris Administration Directs \(Indirectly\) US\\$2 Million In U.S. Taxpayer Funds To Cuba For Hurricane Ian Support. Some Members Of Congress Irate. October](#)



# PACKING LIST

August 26, 2022

This is a free donation from USAID to be used for humanitarian relief work. The content of this particular shipment may differ to fit the selected transportation mode.

**Total Weight:** 1,174lbs or 532kgs.      **Total Volume:** 216 CbF or 6.1CbM      **Total Pallets:** 6 Pallets

**Total Firefighter Personal Protective Sets:** 43 Sets

## Firefighter PPE Gear - Summary

Item	Description	Size	Qty	Total Cost	Batch 01	Batch 02	Batch 03
1	Firefighting Turnout Coat	S	5	\$9,335	2	2	1
		M	15	\$28,005	6	6	3
		L	15	\$28,005	5	5	5
		XL	8	\$14,936	2	2	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$80,281</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
2	Firefighting Turnout Pants	S	5	\$5,620	2	2	1
		M	15	\$16,860	6	6	3
		L	15	\$16,860	5	5	5
		XL	8	\$8,992	2	2	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$48,332</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
3	Firefighting Helmet		43	\$18,232	15	15	13
4	Firefighting Rubber Boots	7	4	\$860	3	1	
		7 1/2	6	\$1,290	1	2	3
		8	13	\$2,795	6	2	5
		8 1/2	4	\$860		4	
		9	7	\$1,505	3	2	2
		9 1/2	3	\$645		1	2
		11 1/2	1	\$215	1		
		12	1	\$215	1		
	12 1/2	4	\$860		3	1	
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$9,245</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
5	Firefighting Hood		43	\$6,235	15	15	13
6	Firefighting Gloves	S	5	\$645	2	2	1
		M	15	\$1,935	6	6	3
		L	15	\$1,935	5	5	5
		XL	8	\$1,032	2	2	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$5,547</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Value*</b>				<b>\$167,872</b>			

\*Value is for customs purposes only. This consignment has no commercial value. No payment takes place from abroad. The cargo is humanitarian aid cargo and is not for re-sale or for commercial purposes. The cargo is a donation from the people of the United States of America.





TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

April 11, 2024

Mr. John Kavulich  
Editor  
Economic Eye on Cuba

Re: FOIA Request No. F-00012-23  
Second and Final Response

Dear Mr. Kavulich:

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. Please know that USAID management is very committed to providing responses to FOIA requests and remedying the FOIA backlog.

This is the second and final response to your October 14th, 2022, FOIA request to USAID. You requested all information about the following delivery in August 2022/September 2022/October 2022 from USAID of PPE to Cuba: 1) How was the donation delivered- air, vessel? 2) What is the brand/manufacturer of the PPE? 3) Was the delivery directly to a Republic of Cuba government-operated entity or through first the U.S. Embassy in Havana? 4) What was the U.S. Dollar value of the delivered 43 sets of PPE? 5) What is the U.S. Dollar value of the 57 sets of PPE to be delivered? 6) Did USAID use its government funding for the purchase(s)? The date range for the records: August 1, 2022 – October 14, 2022.

In our February 8, 2024 communication, you were advised that USAID identified three (3) pages of responsive records that originated with the U. S. Department of State (DoS), and nine (9) pages of responsive records that were submitted to Kellogg Brown and Root Services, Inc. (KBR) for review. USAID received a response from DoS and KBR, consisting of 12 pages. Of those pages, we have determined that three (3) pages of the records are partially releasable, and nine (9) pages are withheld in their entirety pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), (b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(6).

For your information, Congress excluded three (3) discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the

FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all of our requesters and should not be construed as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

FOIA Exemption 3 protects information specifically exempted from disclosure by another statute, if the statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) established particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld. The applicable statute is the Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002, Section 133 of Title 6, United States Code, which exempts from disclosure information that pertains to actual, potential, or threatened interference with, attack on, compromise of, or incapacitation of critical infrastructure or protected systems by either physical or computer-based attack or other similar conduct (including the misuse of or unauthorized access to all types of communications and data transmission systems) that violates federal, state, or local law, harms interstate commerce of the United States, or threatens public health or safety.

USAID has determined that releasing direct links to its internal Google-suite documents (i.e., documents created in Google Docs or other Google-suite programs and/or stored on USAID's protected Google Drive) threatens interference with, attack on, compromise of, or incapacitation of protected USAID systems. Please note that 6 U.S.C. § 133(a)(1)(A) specifically exempts "critical infrastructure information" from disclosure under the FOIA, thus requiring withholding under FOIA Exemption 3(A).

FOIA Exemption 4 protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential." Further, FOIA Exemption 4 covers two distinct categories of information in federal agency records: (1) trade secrets; and (2) information that is (a) commercial or financial, and (b) obtained from a person, and (c) privileged or confidential. Under the first subset, a trade secret is defined as "a secret, commercially valuable plan, formula, process, or device that is used for the making, preparing, compounding, or processing of trade commodities and that can be said to be the end product of either innovation or substantial effort." See Public Citizen Health Research Group v. FDA, 704 F.2d 1280, 1288 (D.C. Cir. 1983). In this instance, none of the information withheld was deemed a trade secret. Rather, all the information withheld under Exemption 4 is appropriate for withholding under the second subset of information.

We reviewed the responsive document, the submitter's objections to release, and relevant case law, and we determined that portions are exempt from disclosure under subsection (b)(4) of the FOIA and must be withheld in order to protect the submitter's confidential commercial information. Within the records, we withheld financial information that is privileged and confidential.

FOIA Exemption 5 permits agencies to withhold inter- or intra-agency memorandums, letters, or documents that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. Exemption 5 incorporates several civil discovery privileges, including the one pertinent to this request, the deliberative process privilege. This privilege exempts



from disclosure agency documents that are part of the agency's pre-decisional process. The purpose of the privilege is to prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions by (1) encouraging frank and open discussions on matters of policy between subordinates and superiors; (2) protecting against premature disclosure of proposed policies before final adoption; and (3) protecting against public confusion that might result from disclosures of reasons and rationales that were not, in fact, ultimately the grounds for an agency's actions. In this instance, we withheld information that are part of the agency's pre-decisional process.

We have determined that none of the information being withheld per FOIA Exemption 5 is appropriate for discretionary disclosure.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure information about individuals in personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test. Within the records, we withheld names, titles, email addresses, cell phone numbers and physical addresses/locations.

If you require any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Tanisha J. Williams, the assigned FOIA Specialist by phone on (202) 340-9231 or at [tawilliams@usaid.gov](mailto:tawilliams@usaid.gov). You may also contact USAID's FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Colbow, at [foia@usaid.gov](mailto:foia@usaid.gov).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services offered:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Records and Archives Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448  
Fax: (202) 741-5769

You have the right to appeal this second and final response. Your appeal must be received by USAID no later than 90 days from the date of this letter. If you would like to appeal this disclosure determination, please send your appeal to [foia@usaid.gov](mailto:foia@usaid.gov), and address it to the Office Director of the Bureau for Management, Office of Management Services. In addition, please include your tracking number F-00012-23 Second and Final Response in your email.

You have the right to appeal Department of State by writing to: Appeals Officer, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS/, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, by email to FOIAAppeals@state.gov, or by fax to (202) 485-1718. Identify DOS Case: C-2024-00099, Requester: John Kavulich. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days and include a copy of the response letter, clearly stating why they disagree with the determination set forth in the response.

There is no charge for this FOIA request. As this concludes the processing of your request, it will be closed.

Thank you for your interest in USAID.

Sincerely,

**Theresa  
Morris for**

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Theresa Morris for  
Date: 2024.04.11  
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Christopher Colbow, Chief  
FOIA Public Liaison  
FOIA Officer/Agency Records Officer  
Bureau for Management  
Office of Management Services  
Information and Records Division

Enclosures: Responsive Records (3 pages)



(b)(6)@usaid.gov>

### INFO: Batch 01 PPE Arrival at US Embassy in La Havana

6 messages

(b)(6)@usaid.gov> Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 2:29 PM  
 To: (b)(6)@usaid.gov>, (b)(6)@usaid.gov>, (b)(6)@usaid.gov>, (b)(6)@usaid.gov>  
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 (b)(6)@usaid.gov>

Hi everyone,  
Good news!!

Maybe this is old news for some but I just received the note below from (b)(6) regarding the 15 PPEs already at the Embassy and the remaining will probably be picked up tomorrow.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: (b)(6)  
 Date: Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 1:50 PM  
 Subject: RE: INFO: Collection of Firefighting Gear USAID BHA Warehouse  
 To: (b)(6)@usaid.gov>, (b)(6)@usaid.gov>  
 Cc: (b)(6)@usaid.gov>, (b)(6)@cevalogistics.com>, (b)(6)@cevalogistics.com>

Batch One has made it to the embassy.

(b)(6) - thank you for the assistance! What is the possibility of passing by for the rest of the shipment (batches two and three, 18 total boxes) tomorrow, 01 September?

(b)(6)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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 (b)(6)  
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U.S. Embassy | Havana, Cuba

Office: (b)(6) WhatsApp (b)(6)

(b)(3) (b)(6)@usaid.gov>  
 § 133 (b)(6)@usaid.gov>  
 Infrastructure (b)(6)@usaid.gov>

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 2:31 PM

(b)(6)

(b)(4); (b)(6)

- o Firefighting Helmet: 15 Standard
- o Firefighting Rubber Boots: 03 (Size 08); 05 (Size 09); 04 (Size 10); 03 (Size 11)
- o Firefighting Hood: 15 Standard
- o Firefighting Gloves: 08 Medium and 07 Large

(b)(4); (b)(6)

(b)(4); (b)(6)

- The contractor will do the procurement, kitting and delivery to either USAID/BHA's warehouse in Miami [redacted] or [redacted]. Please advise which option would be better for you to pick up and bring to the airport. If the Havana Air office is feasible, it would be good to share their PoC contact to coordinate the reception of goods. Please send to USAID's warehouse.
- The remainder of 85 PPE Sets will most probably arrive via sea on Havana Air's 40' container. We will try to double stack our pallets with the following measurements: Length (120cm), Width (100cm) and Height (110cm). Until the initial kitting is finalized, we are not sure how many pallets will be in total. Would you be able to provide a price quote per 40' container and/or pallet for budgeting? After talking with Havana Air, we think flying the additional 85 sets in would be easier in two more flights (after the 500). We would do the 500 as a test run and see how it goes. He is going to give us a special "humanitarian rate" so costs between flying and shipping wont be that much different.

Let me know if you have any more questions.

I might have additional questions as I am writing the SOW for the procurement, but just wanted to know your opinion on these urgent topics.

Thanks and feel free to give me a call.

Regards,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Supply Chain Management Division

USAID | Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance

(b)(6)

Mobile: (b)(6)

Email: (b)(6)@usaid.gov

Current location: [redacted]



(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

**ACTION: Firefighter PPE Procurement & Transportation Logistics Inquiries**

(b)(6) (Havana) (b)(6) Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 3:49 PM

To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Please see below in red:

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 3:20 PM

**To:** (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

**Cc:** (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

**Subject:** ACTION: Firefighter PPE Procurement & Transportation Logistics Inquiries

Hi (b)(6)

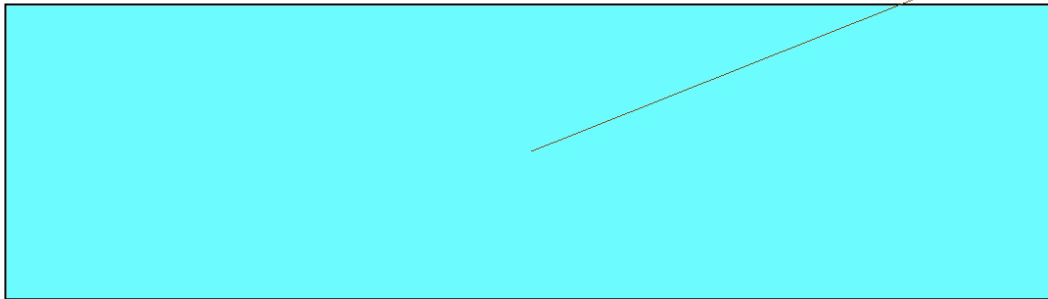
Once again, thank you very much for yesterday's exchange.

We are currently organizing the rapid procurement of the 1st batch of Firefighter PPEs in order to transport it via Havana Air according to your specifications of 70lbs/package and 500lbs total cargo.

In order to expedite this whole process, there are a couple of technical questions I would like to have your input:

(b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process

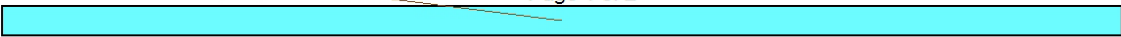
Transport:



Procurement:

(b)(3); (b)(6) U.S.C. § 133 (Critical Infrastructure)

- We are prioritizing the procurement of the 15 PPE sets (approximately 450 - 500 lbs total):
  - Firefighting Turnout Coat: 08 Medium and 07 Large
  - Firefighting Turnout Pants: 08 Medium and 07 Large





(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

### Fwd: REQUEST: Response Funds for "Cuba Preparedness" -- \$200K from Response Fund

13 messages

(b)(6) @usaid.gov> Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 6:35 PM

To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Dear (b)(6)

We have approved \$200K from the Response Fund for "Cuba Preparedness". As noted below there is a chance that this amount will be returned.

Thank you.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 5:32 PM

Subject: Re: (b)(6)

To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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Yes, approve.

On Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 5:28 PM (b)(6) @usaid.gov> wrote:

Dear (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6)

REQUEST: Would you have objections to my approving \$200K from the Response Fund for Cuba in case we get the green light over the weekend?

This funding would be used for TAs for the team and/or procurement and transport of any appropriate commodities. If the funds are not used, they could easily be returned. There is also the possibility that we might eventually need a bit more, but probably not a lot.

We do not have a green light yet, but if it comes over the weekend, then having the funds set aside would speed us along.

Thank you.

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Office of Asia and Latin America & the Caribbean (ALAC)  
USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance

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# PACKING LIST

August 26, 2022

This is a free donation from USAID to be used for humanitarian relief work. The content of this particular shipment may differ to fit the selected transportation mode.

**Total Weight:** 1,174lbs or 532kgs.      **Total Volume:** 216 CbF or 6.1CbM      **Total Pallets:** 6 Pallets

**Total Firefighter Personal Protective Sets:** 43 Sets

## Firefighter PPE Gear - Summary

Item	Description	Size	Qty	Total Cost	Batch 01	Batch 02	Batch 03
1	Firefighting Turnout Coat	S	5	\$9,335	2	2	1
		M	15	\$28,005	6	6	3
		L	15	\$28,005	5	5	5
		XL	8	\$14,936	2	2	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$80,281</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
2	Firefighting Turnout Pants	S	5	\$5,620	2	2	1
		M	15	\$16,860	6	6	3
		L	15	\$16,860	5	5	5
		XL	8	\$8,992	2	2	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$48,332</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
3	Firefighting Helmet		43	\$18,232	15	15	13
4	Firefighting Rubber Boots	7	4	\$860	3	1	
		7 1/2	6	\$1,290	1	2	3
		8	13	\$2,795	6	2	5
		8 1/2	4	\$860		4	
		9	7	\$1,505	3	2	2
		9 1/2	3	\$645		1	2
		11 1/2	1	\$215	1		
		12	1	\$215	1		
		12 1/2	4	\$860		3	1
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$9,245</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
5	Firefighting Hood		43	\$6,235	15	15	13
6	Firefighting Gloves	S	5	\$645	2	2	1
		M	15	\$1,935	6	6	3
		L	15	\$1,935	5	5	5
		XL	8	\$1,032	2	2	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>\$5,547</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Value*</b>				<b>\$167,872</b>			

\*Value is for customs purposes only. This consignment has no commercial value. No payment takes place from abroad. The cargo is humanitarian aid cargo and is not for re-sale or for commercial purposes. The cargo is a donation from the people of the United States of America.