
GRAMA Request Response

13 messages

Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: "whazzup@gmail.com" <whazzup@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 8:28 AM

Good morning,

Please see attached the response to your recent GRAMA Request.

Best,



Michelle Blue

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Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>
To: Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
Bcc: Sophie Anderson <jessandsophie03@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 12:47 PM

Hi,
Can you please break down how many of those hours you expect to be spent on searching and retrieval vs. interfacing (do you mean reviewing?)
And approx how many emails would be included in the request?

Thank you!

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Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 12:51 PM

We do not know exactly how many hours would be spent on each task until we start. There is no way to know how many emails are included until the search is performed.

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Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>
To: Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 1:13 PM

Okay, thanks. Just curious though if you don't know how many emails there are, or how many hours are spent, how is the cost calculated? I would have thought it was dependent on how big the search was.

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Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 1:19 PM

Yes, it is an estimate based on how many months are included in the search.

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Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>
To: Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 1:21 PM

Okay, thanks. Is there a refund if the cost is less?
What is the hourly rate that you are charging for the staff time?
And, again, is interfacing the same as reviewing?

Thanks for your help.

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Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 1:23 PM

I'm sorry, I have provided all of the information that I have. I do not have the answers to the rest of your questions.

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Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 10:50 AM

Good morning,

Please see attached the responses to your recent GRAMA requests.

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Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>
To: Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 4:56 PM

Hi,
Thanks for the reply. Can you give me a breakdown of the volume of each word that was included so I will know which term(s) are best to remove?

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Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 8:39 AM

Good morning,

We have no way to know the volume of each search term until we begin the search. The estimate is based on the number of search terms, and the number of days in the search history. Based on past experience with other records requests, a detailed estimate is prepared of the amount of time that it will take to fulfill the request. First, an IT Security Technician must pull a copy of each correspondence, then a specialist must review each record to ensure that no other protected information is included (such as a record classified as private under Utah GRAMA law). If private information is included, it must be redacted by law. Then it is compiled into a format that can be returned to the requester.

The only way to reduce the estimated cost is to remove search terms or reduce the number of days in a search history.

Thank you.

From: Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request Response

Hi,

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Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>
To: Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>

Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 11:18 AM

Bcc: Rosemary Cundiff <rcundiff@utah.gov>, Sophie Anderson <jessandsophie03@yahoo.com>

Hi thanks for the info. It's helpful.

Obviously there are some flaws in that type of estimating (number of terms x days in the search), although it's understandable to give a ballpark, but it relies on too many assumptions. What happens then if or when the search terms are not as predominant as was assumed, and/or the number of days in the search do not pull up any words? How and when is the estimate then revised?

The proposal said the \$34,491 was a MINIMUM charge. If there are no records produced, for example, then the way that reads to me is that I am still bound to the overestimated price because it's the "minimum" that you will accept. However, without your agency giving us a more accurate estimate, and it being stated that's the minimum charge considered, then it turns into a big problem when the original estimate is grossly inflated, especially when 100% of the funds are required up front.

I have asked previously if there is a refund for overages and you said you do not have an answer for me. I would like to know what kind of checks and balance systems are in place to ensure that \$35k worth of work has actually been performed. Otherwise, it appears a number can just be thrown out there with no way to verify and no way to audit the actual services performed and documents received with what was actually paid.

Can you please let me know?

Thank you!
Jen

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Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: Winston Smith <whazzup@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 30, 2021 at 2:59 PM

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Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
To: "whazzup@gmail.com" <whazzup@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 11:34 AM

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