Sounds good and thank you for getting back to me. We will dial in at 1 PM (ET) today. Talk to you then.

VR,

National Reconnaissance Office

Hi,

Sounds like we are having a telephone conference call. Can you please send the red phone number, just in case? Thanks so much!

VR,

National Reconnaissance Office
Sorry for the technical difficulties today. I've still got some requests out to our COMM folks to try and resolve this for future engagements. As to your list below, I tried calling a few times with no luck. I'm running down the first three items.

For the DCI, I got with our contracts folks today and I do expect to be sending a large majority of the data tomorrow.

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Attendees on our side were:

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Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

VR,
I forgot to ask if I could please get the names of the NRO attendees at the entrance on 9/1? Thank you!

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 3:05 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Status of Document and Contractor Request

Hello [Redacted]

I'm writing to inquire about the status of our request for the documents listed in our previous email and discussed at the entrance on September 1. I also wanted to know when we might be able to meet with the contractor for the discussed program?

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you.

R/

Senior Defense Analyst
U.S. Government Accountability Office
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Denver, Colorado 80204
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Good morning. Thank you for the response on CRWL, and for sending the guidance docs. I will visit our secure facility tomorrow morning and confirm receipt. We also appreciate your tracking down items 1 and 2, and will look forward to reviewing those as well. The DCI responses look thorough, and at this time we have no additional data requests on that subject. I expect that as we analyze the data we may circle back with follow up questions.

As always, thanks for your continued attention to our engagement. I will confirm via high side tomorrow that we've received the documents you've sent, and outline any additional requests we may have.

Cheers, and have a great day!

I am still trying to pull the documents from your points 1 and 2 below. I was hoping to have them to you already, and continue to work each day toward resolution. Tracking them down has been harder than expected; I apologize for the delay.

To your question on a CPAR system, we do not use CPARS or a CPARS-like system. We use our Contractor Responsibility Watch List (CRWL). This is not a “no-buy” list, but rather an internal performance-based watch list. Additional processes are required for companies on the CRWL to be considered for other contracts. A separate email on the high-side has the applicable NRO guidance with respect to the CRWL. The guidance is U//FOUO, but I currently only have it on the high side.

Do you have any outstanding questions regarding the DCI at this point?

Separately, I also sent samples of the award fee determination documents we discussed on the high side. I only had your high-side account, please forward as required and we can discuss whether those documents meet your intent.

I’ll get you the outstanding documents from points 1 & 2 as soon as I can get a hold of them. Let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

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