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**Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2020-DA-02838-F
Second Interim Response**

Dear Mr. Evers and Mr. Salvador:

This is the Departmental FOIA Office's (DFO) **second interim** response to the above referenced FOIA request. This correspondence also responds to the matter of *American Oversight, et al. v. U.S. Department of Agriculture, et al.*, Civil Action No. 20-1259-EGS, currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The pending Complaint in the above referenced matter is based on USDA's alleged failure to comply with the applicable time-limit provisions of the FOIA in response to American Oversight (AO) and the Union of Concerned Scientist's (UCS) request for the following records:

1. *All records reflecting any cost-benefit analysis of relocating USDA employees outside of the National Capital Region.*

Requesters believe that USDA is in the best position to identify the custodians of responsive records. However, we request that USDA search, at a minimum, records of Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary Donald Bice, and Chief Economist Robert Johansson.

Please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2018, through August 15, 2018.

2. *The complete copy of the "NIFA and ERS Relocation: Cost Benefit Analysis," the Executive Summary of which was published on June 13, 2019, in conjunction with the*

announcement of the Kansas City Region as the new location for the Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture. This request includes any and all underlying records on which this Executive Summary was based.

3. *All electronic communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, calendar invitation attachments, or text messages) sent by (a) the USDA officials listed below to (b) any members of Congress or congressional staff, including anyone communicating with an email address ending in senate.gov or mail.house.gov.*

USDA Officials:

- i. *Stephen Censky, Deputy Secretary*
- ii. *Donald Bice, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration*
- iii. *Robert Johansson, Chief Economist*
- iv. *Kristi Boswell, Senior Advisor*
- v. *Benny Young, Associate General Counsel*
- vi. *Courtney Knupp, Chief of Staff for Research, Education, and Economics*
- vii. *Brock Densel, Policy Advisor for Research, Education, and Economics*
- viii. *Robert MacGregor, former Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs and current Senior Advisor*

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to USDA regulation 7 C.F.R. § 1.4(c), the DFO routed parts of Item 3, specifically vi and vii, to the REE mission area for processing and direct response to you.

Your request is being processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552. The DFO responded to Item 3 in full on May 11, 2020. Today's release responds in part to Item 1 above. The DFO is continuing to review potentially responsive records for the remainder of Item 1 in addition to Item 2.

Search Efforts

An electronic search for responsive records was conducted by the Client Experience Center's (CEC) eComply team. For this second interim, the DFO reviewed a total of eighty-one (81) pages of emails and the accompanying attachments. These pages are being released today with Bates numbers 0001-0081.

The review of potentially responsive records to Item 2 of your request is on-going. The DFO has determined certain information contained in the records released in this response should be

withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6) (FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6). Below is an explanation of the information that has been withheld.

Application of 5 U.S.C §552(b)(5) “FOIA Exemption 5”

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.” 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5). This language is construed to protect records that are normally privileged in the civil discovery context, including through the deliberative process privilege and the attorney-client privilege. As an initial matter, the information withheld meets the threshold requirement because it is contained in internal emails sent between federal employees. Where possible, the DFO has determined to make discretionary releases of information that falls within the protection of Exemption 5.

In this instance, the DFO is withholding, under the deliberative process privilege, a variety of pre-decisional, inter- and intra-agency email communications with questions addressing agency actions and drafts of an informational memorandum pertaining to the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) relocation. By withholding this information, the DFO is protecting the integrity of the agency’s decision-making process and ensuring no inhibition of free and frank exchange between agency personnel. The DFO is also ensuring against the premature disclosure of proposed policy, which could if released, cause confusion to the public regarding the agency’s policy positions.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) “FOIA Exemption 6”

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold information regarding individuals in “personnel, medical and similar files” when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and where such privacy interests outweigh any public interest that would be advanced by disclosure. For purposes of the FOIA, the public interest is advanced when disclosure of the requested information educates the public about the activities of the government.

The information withheld under Exemption 6 consists of cell phone numbers, a direct-dial phone number, email addresses belonging to employees of the Executive Office of the President (EOP), the personal reflections of individuals, and the alias email address for Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky. This information qualifies as “similar files” because it is information in which individuals have a privacy interest. Release of cell phone numbers, direct-dial phone numbers, and email addresses belonging to EOP employees could subject individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications, or even harassment. Moreover, a significant privacy right exists in EOP employees’ contact information, and that disclosure would not shed light on government activities if the employees and the offices they work for are otherwise identified in the record. Here, the names of the EOP employees whose email addresses have been redacted is disclosed and their email addresses have been redacted in such a way as to permit the identification of the individuals to which they pertain. Although the release of individuals’ personal reflections would not likely result in unsolicited communications, this information is of a private nature and its release does not shed light on governmental operations. Because there are viable privacy

interests that would be threatened by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes this office to withhold the information. Accordingly, the DFO has determined that the public interest in the information's release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

With regard to the alias email address for Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky, the agency has a significant interest in ensuring that its officials have the capacity to safely perform a full range of official functions, including emergency operations, continuity of operations, and devolution planning and execution. These functions could not be accomplished if public email-writing campaigns impeded communications to the email accounts from which officials operate in emergency situations. In the event of emergency, not only are alias accounts necessary for safe and efficient emergency operations, but also so that family members can reach otherwise unavailable officials. While the existence of such alias email accounts and certain content of emails released therefrom may shed light on agency functions, the actual email addresses do not in and of themselves advance a public interest—particularly when balanced against the critical interest of agency officials in maintaining safe and responsible communication with critical business contacts including those in The White House, during emergency situations and situations presenting potential national security threats. That said, in response to records requests, it is the agency's policy to process and release responsive documents derived from searches of all agency email accounts (including alias email accounts) to the extent not otherwise exempt or prohibited by law. Furthermore, we note that the disclosure of officials' primary official email accounts serves as the most appropriate point of contact for the public and poses the least amount of risk or threat in emergency operations.

In light of the matter *American Oversight, et al. v. U.S. Department of Agriculture, et al.*, Civil Action No. 20-1259-EGS, currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, administrative appeal rights are not being provided in this response letter.

If you have any questions or concerns about this interim response or the pending civil action, please contact John Truong, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice at John.Truong@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,



Alexis R. Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the General Counsel

Enclosures: Responsive Records (64 pages)

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 7:12 PM

To: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC

Subject: draft docs for STL project

Attachments: USDA-internal_ERS_06292018_7pm.docx; Congressional Notification 180 days_06292018_7pm.docx; OMB one pager --- Economics at USDA_06292018_7pm.docx; Secretary Memorandum_Economics at USDA_06292018_7pm.docx; Expression of Interest-ERS_06292018_7pm.docx; Rollout Plan Economics at USDA_06292018_7pm.docx

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Hi All,

(b)(5) DPP . (b)(5) DPP

Comments welcome. Don, how (b)(5) DPP ?

Rob



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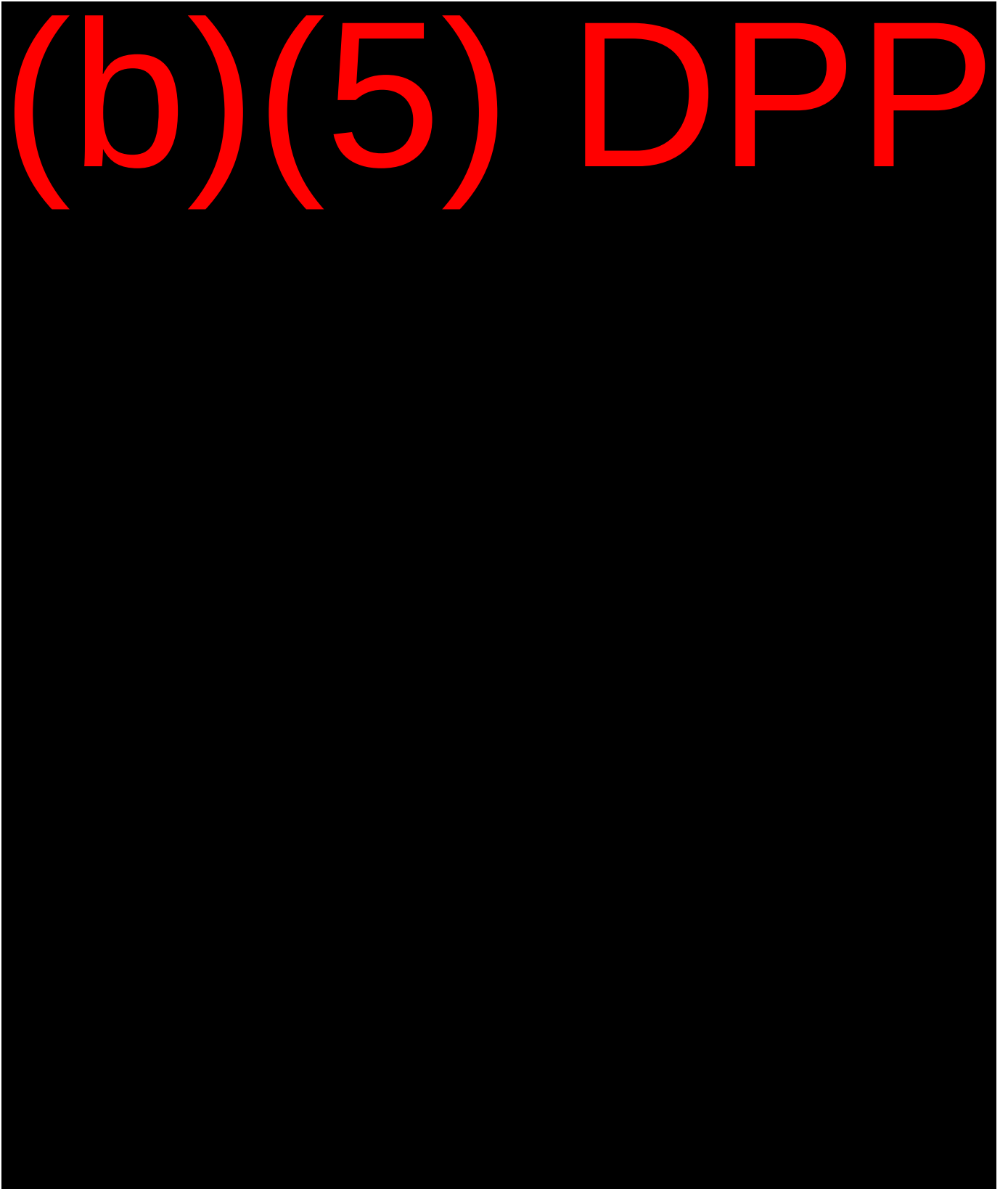


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From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 8:35 AM

To: (b)(6) - OSEC, Washington, DC; Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC **Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky**

CC: Beach, Allie - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: RE: reorgs

Attachments: Rollout Plan Economics at USDA_06292018_7pm.docx; Expression of Interest-ERS_06292018_7pm.docx; Secretary Memorandum_Economics at USDA_06292018_7pm.docx; USDA-internal_ERS_06292018_7pm.docx; Congressional Notification 180 days_06292018_7pm.docx; OMB one pager --- Economics at USDA_06292018_7pm.docx **Attachments 1-5 (18 pages total) are non-responsive. Attachment 6 (2 pages) is withheld as a duplicate of Bates Nos. 0002-0003. (Bates Nos. 0006-0007).**

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Thanks. (b)(5) DPP, (b)(6) . I tentatively scheduled a meeting with Kristi and Don for Thursday at 11am, but can adjust if there is a better day/time.

I also forwarded draft documents last week that (b)(5) DPP :

- Sec memo
- Congressional notification
- Internal staff memo
- Roll-out strategy
- OMB discussion paper
- Notification of location bid

I'll reattach those here for our discussion.

Cheers,

Rob

From: (b)(6) - OSEC, Washington, DC **Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky**

Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 8:12 AM

To: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC <Brooke.Appleton@osec.usda.gov>; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Beach, Allie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Allison.Beach@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: reorgs

Predecisional/Deliberative

Rob,

(b)(5) DPP

(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

Allie, can you try to schedule a 30 minute meeting?

Thanks and best regards,

Steve

Stephen L. Censky
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office (b)(6)

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC <Brooke.Appleton@osec.usda.gov>; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) - OSEC, Washington, DC <(b)(6)@osec.usda.gov> Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky
Subject: reorgs

Hi All,

(b)(5) DPP

Can we meet this week to discuss?
Rob



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From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 8:53 AM

To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: RE: NIFA

Attachments: Secretary Memorandum_Economics at USDA_007052018_230pm.docx; Expression of Interest-ERS_07052018_230pm.docx; Congressional Notification 180 days_07052018_230pm.docx; OMB one pager --- Economics at USDA_07052018_230pm.docx; USDA-internal_ERS_07052018_230pm.docx; Rollout Plan Economics at USDA_07052018_230pm.docx

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Here's the updated docs I have for ERS. (b)(5) DPP

If you all have any suggestions before next week, let me know.

(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

Do you (b)(5) DPP ?

Also, can we (b)(5) DPP ? If we (b)(5) DPP

Thx.

Rob

From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 8:46 AM

To: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: NIFA

(b)(5) DPP

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:16 PM

To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: NIFA

FYI/ (b)(5) DPP USDA-20-0426-A-000006

(b)(5) DPP ? Do you (b)(5) DPP ?

Thx,
Rob



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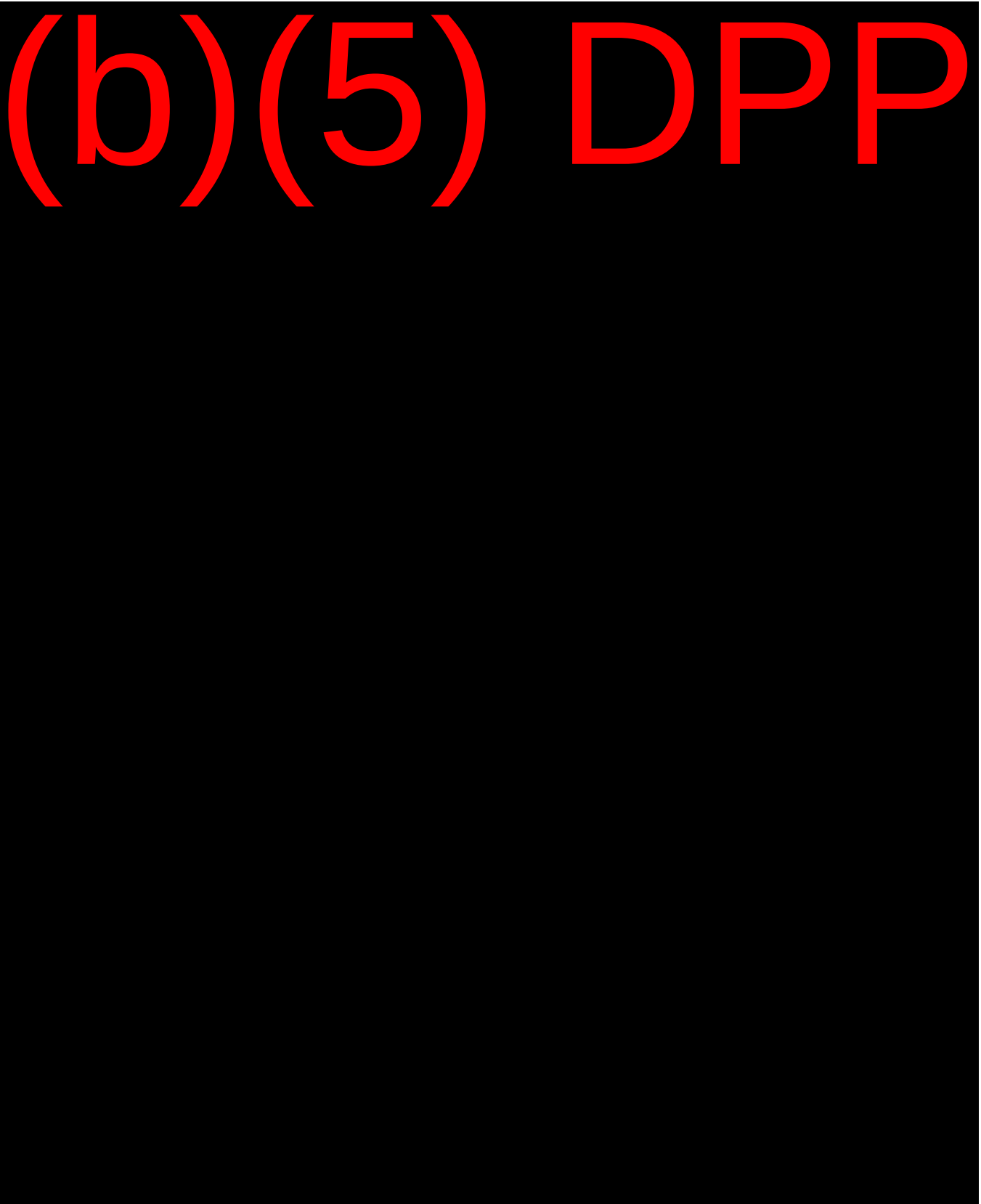


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From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 10:44 PM **Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky**

To: (b)(6) - OSEC, Washington, DC; Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC; Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: docs for tomorrow morning

Attachments: OMB one pager --- Economics at USDA_07092018_9pm.docx; Expression of Interest-ERS_07092018_9pm.docx; Secretary Memorandum_Economics at USDA_07092018_9pm.docx; USDA-internal_ERS_07092018_9pm.docx; Rollout Plan Economics at USDA_07092018_10pm.docx; Congressional Notification 180 days_07092018_11pm.docx

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Hi All,

(b)(5) DPP . If you have suggestions or edits, let me know and I'll continue to hone these docs.

(b)(5) DPP

I asked Campbell to schedule some time with the Secretary next Monday to brief him on this progress.

Thx,

Rob

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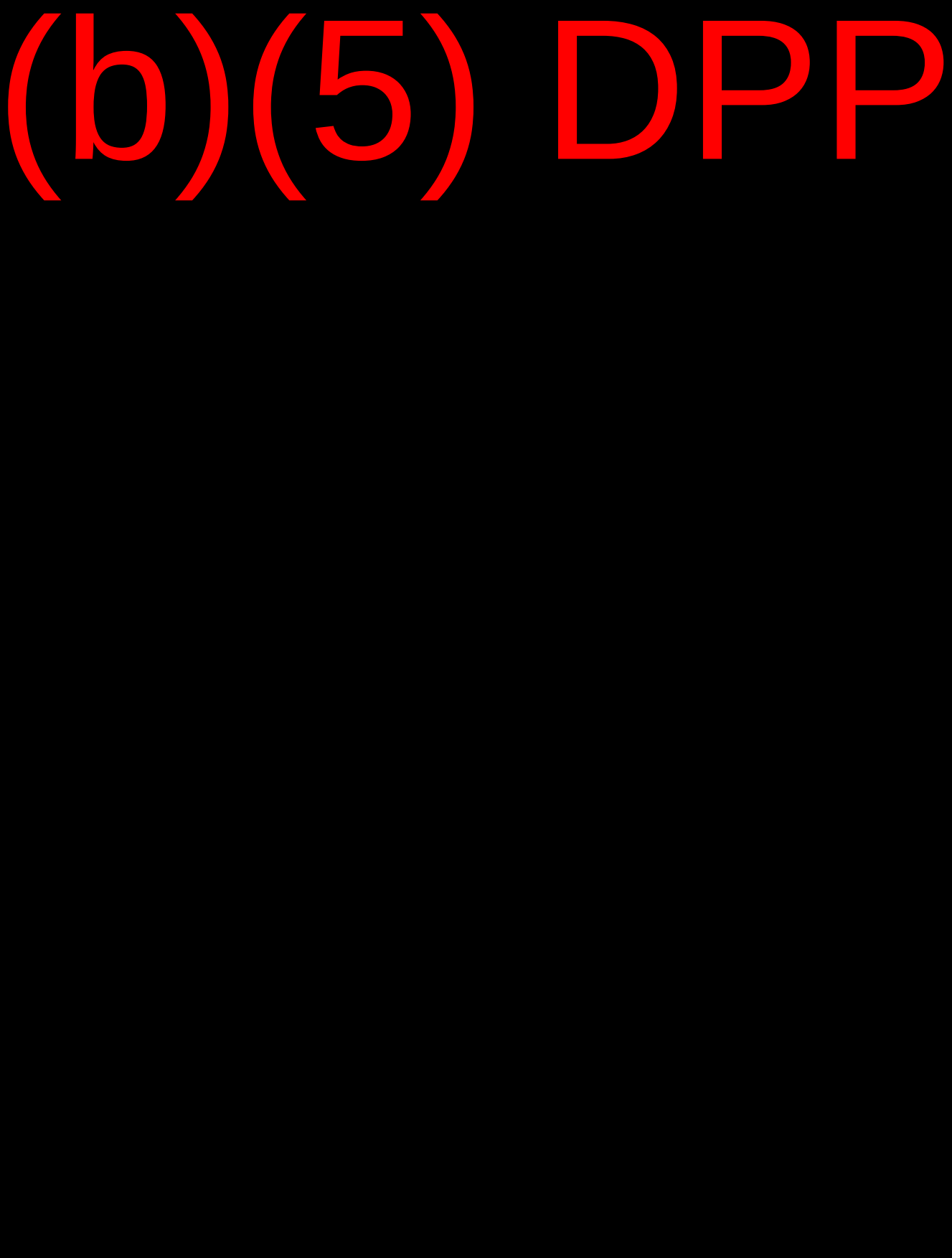


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(b)(5) DPP



From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 7:13 PM

To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: what do I need to do?

Attachments 1-2 & 4-6 (19 pages total) are non-responsive.

Attachment 3 (3 pages) is withheld as a duplicate of Bates Nos. 0013-0015. (Bates Nos. 0017-0019).

Attachments: Congressional Notification 180 days_07092018_11pm.docx; Rollout Plan Economics at USDA_07092018_10pm.docx; OMB one pager --- Economics at USDA_07092018_9pm.docx; Expression of Interest-ERS_07092018_9pm.docx; Secretary Memorandum_Economics at USDA_07092018_9pm.docx; USDA-internal_ERS_07092018_9pm.docx

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Attached are my latest docs.

Want me to (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED] ?

Do you (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED] ?

(b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 4:29 PM

To: Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC; Johansson, Robert - OCE; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC

CC: Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: RE: NIFA/ERS Rollout

Attachments: Rollout Plan Relocation and Economics at USDA.docx; OMB one pagerERS.NIFA.docx; Expression of InterestNIFAandERS.docx; NIFAERSreorgrelocation.docx

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Attached are draft documents for review. These include: draft rollout plan; OMB one pager with rationale and savings calculations; Federal Register notice requesting submissions from interested parties; and Congressional notification letter.

(b)(5) DPP

Don

From: Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 2:27 PM

To: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Johanna.Briscoe@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: NIFA/ERS Rollout

Deliberative/Pre-decisional

All,

(b)(5) DPP

Don, can you (b)(5) DPP ?

Thanks all!

Brooke



Brooke S. Appleton

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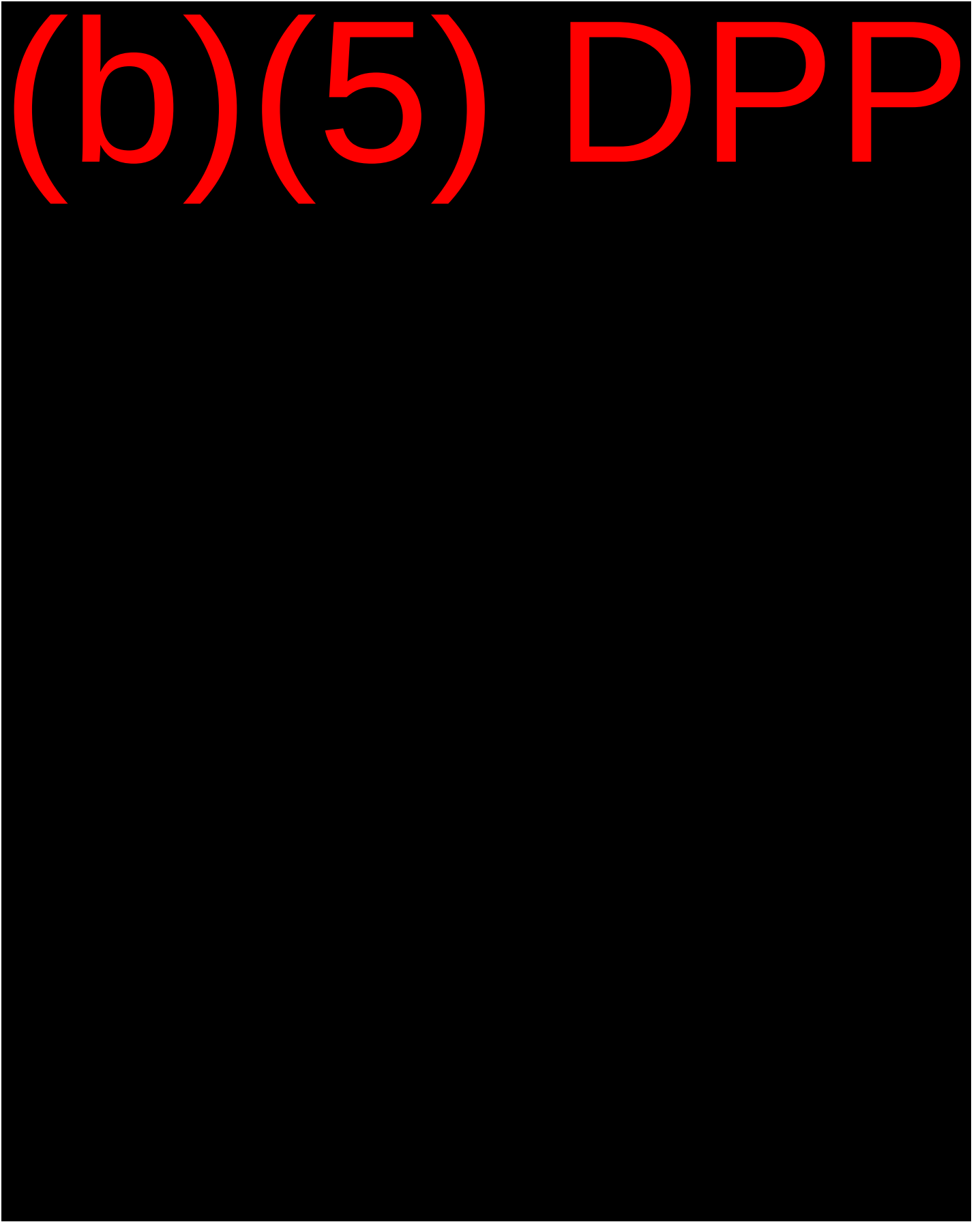
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From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 10:18 AM

To: Vaden, Stephen - OGC; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC

CC: Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Johansson, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC; Esch, Michele - ARS

Subject: Relocation and Realignment

Attachments: Expression of InterestNIFAandERS.docx; NIFAERSreorgrelocation.docx; Rollout Plan Relocation and Economics at USDA7.27.docx; OMB one pagerERS.NIFA FINAL (002).docx

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Attached are documents related to a reorganization and relocation rollout (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]. The documents include: 1) an expression of interest (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]; 2) Congressional notification of the relocation solicitation and a realignment; 3) a rollout plan with talking points; and 4) a summary document we intend [REDACTED].

(b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]. We would appreciate your review and comment on these documents by early next week.

Thanks!



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From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Johansson, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: FW: Meet with OMB
Attachments: OMB one pager ERS.NIFA FINAL (OBPA)response.docx;
 NIFAERSreorgrelocationCongressionalnotification.docx

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Are you (b)(5) DPP ?

Don

-----Original Message-----

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
 Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:20 PM
 To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>
 Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC
 <Erica.Navarro@obpa.usda.gov>; Jones, Diem-Linh - OBPA, Washington, DC <Diem-Linh.Jones@obpa.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: Meet with OMB

See attached.

Chris Z.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
 Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:28 AM
 To: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC
 <Erica.Navarro@obpa.usda.gov>
 Cc: YOUNG, BENJAMIN, JR. - OGC <BENJAMIN.YOUNG@OGC.USDA.GOV>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
 <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Johanna.Briscoe@osec.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: Meet with OMB

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-----Original Message-----

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
 Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:22 AM
 To: Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <Erica.Navarro@obpa.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>
 Cc: YOUNG, BENJAMIN, JR. - OGC <BENJAMIN.YOUNG@OGC.USDA.GOV>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
 <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: Meet with OMB

Sounds good.

Chris can you schedule soon? I am running out of availability.

Don's schedule look tight --- maybe late in the day?

-----Original Message-----

From: Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 7:55 AM

To: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: YOUNG, BENJAMIN, JR. - OGC <BENJAMIN.YOUNG@OGC.USDA.GOV>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Meet with OMB

Hi Rob

(b)(5) DPP. Chris was planning on setting something up for Wed. (b)(5) DPP. Does that work? Thanks, Erica

-----Original Message-----

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 6:37 AM

To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: YOUNG, BENJAMIN, JR. - OGC <BENJAMIN.YOUNG@OGC.USDA.GOV>; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC <Erica.Navarro@obpa.usda.gov>

Subject: Meet with OMB

Hi All, Don and I are going to set up a call with OMB this week (b)(5) DPP. Did you (b)(5) DPP?

Thanks Rob

Sent from my iPhone

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Informational Memorandum regarding the Realignment of the Economic Research Service (ERS) and Relocation of ERS and the National Institute for Food and Agriculture Outside the National Capital Region

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(b)(5) DPP

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From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 1:44 PM

To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC

CC: Johansson, Robert - OCE; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC; Jones, Diem-Linh - OBPA, Washington, DC

Subject: RE: Meet with OMB

Attachments: OMB one pager ERS.NIFA FINAL (OBPA)response.docx;

NIFAERSreorgrelocationCongressionalnotification.docx; Expression of Interest NIFAandERS.docx

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. If you (b)(5) DPP

-----Original Message-----

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:20 PM

To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC

<Erica.Navarro@obpa.usda.gov>; Jones, Diem-Linh - OBPA, Washington, DC <Diem-Linh.Jones@obpa.usda.gov>

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Attachments: OMB one pagerERS.NIFA FINAL (002).docx;
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CC: Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: ERS/NIFA Roll Out

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All –

Thanks for this morning's meeting. I've attached all relevant documents that I have to date. (b)(5) DPP

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Don – so you are aware (b)(5) DPP

Thanks!

Kristi



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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:20 PM

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CC: Johansson, Robert - OCE; Navarro, Erica - OBPA, Washington, DC; Jones, Diem-Linh - OBPA, Washington, DC

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: FW: Relocation and Realignment
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Hi Don,

Thank you for an opportunity to review. I have a quick question. Would you be able to give me a call today?

Thank You,

Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Ph.D.

United States Department of Agriculture
 Acting REE Deputy Under Secretary & USDA Chief Scientist
 Agricultural Research Service Administrator
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From: Esch, Michele - ARS
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 11:38 AM
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I'm reviewing as well.

Michele Esch
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Date: July 31, 2018 at 10:56:52 AM EDT
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Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:25 PM

To: Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: FW: reorg and realignment

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All,

To summarize our meeting with OMB staff ---

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Don, did I miss anything?

Rob

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:16 PM

To: Herz, James P. EOP/OMB <James.P.Herz@omb.eop.gov>

Cc: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>; Adrienne_C._Erbach@omb.eop.gov

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Cheers,

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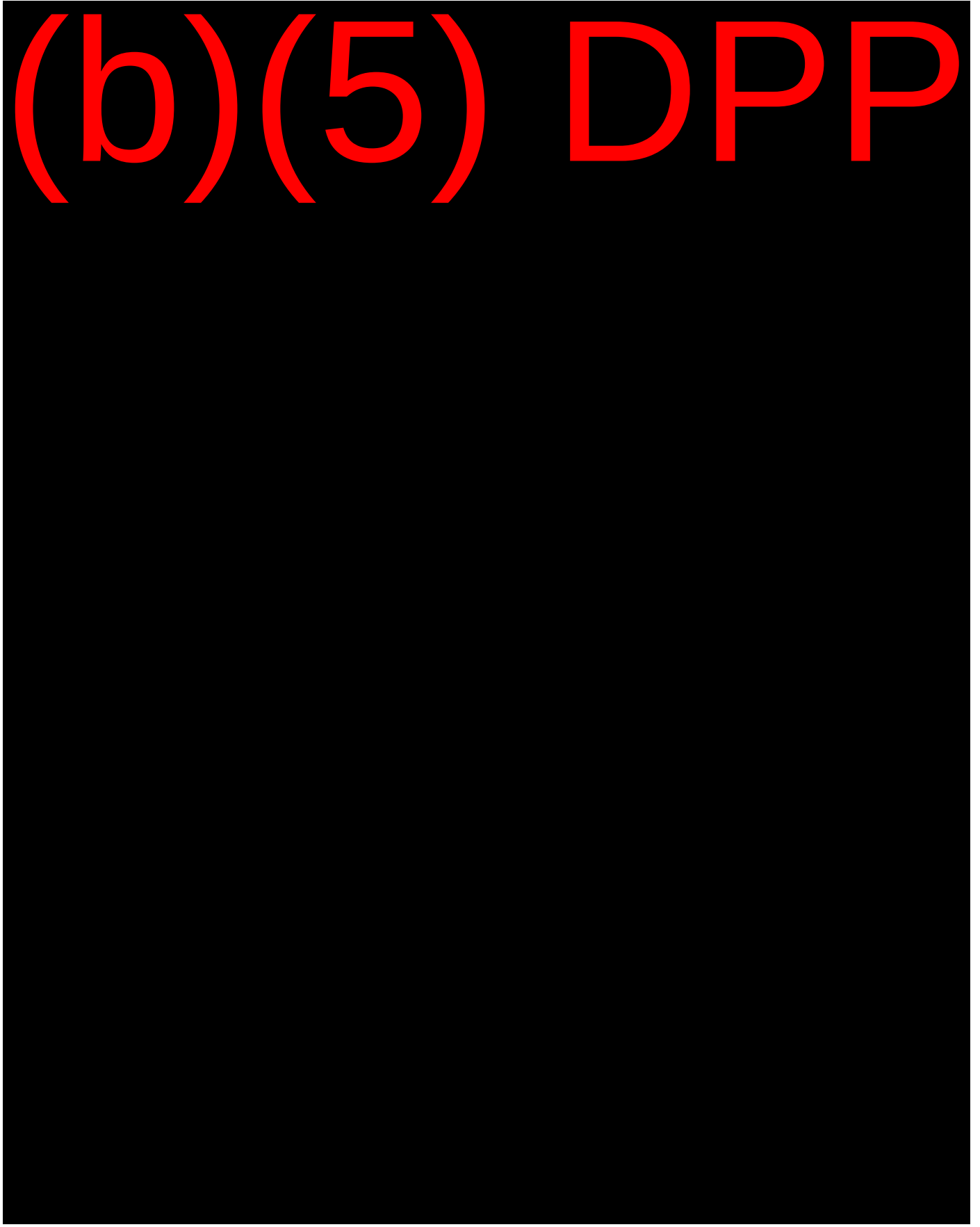


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Hi Erica, Chris, and Diem-Linh;

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To: Johansson, Robert - OCE; Preston, Warren - OCE

Subject: RE: any more edits to this for OMB conversation?

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No but these are the latest I have for the: expression of interest; one pager; and congressional notification letter. (b)(5) DPP

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

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From: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:47 PM

To: Johansson, Robert - OCE; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC

Subject: RE: ERS/NIFA Relocation and Realign

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From: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 1:20 PM

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Hi All,

Please see note below. (b)(5) DPP ?

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Brooke and Kristi, how (b)(5) DPP ?

Rob

From: Stein, Nora H. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 1:12 PM
To: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>
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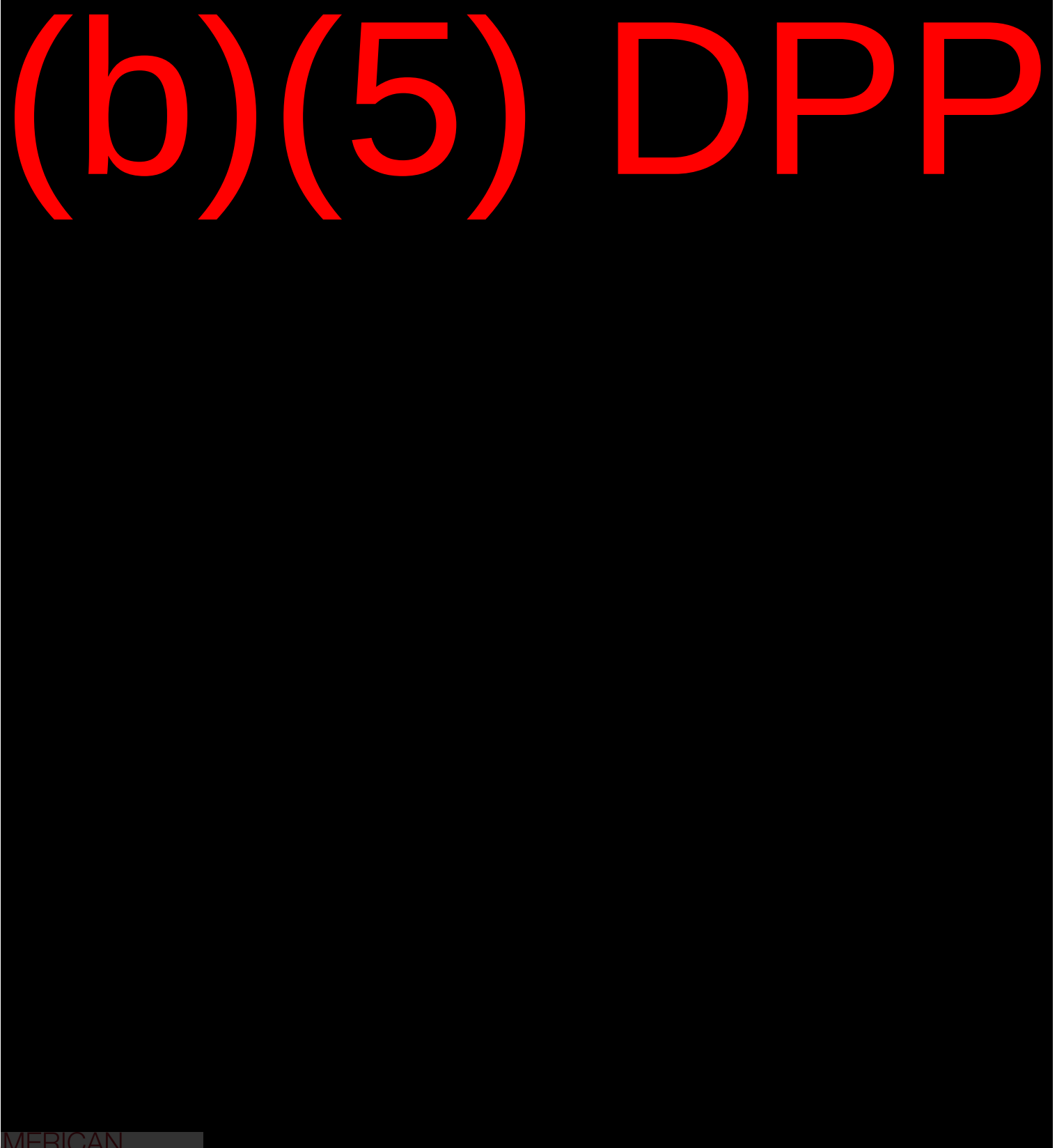
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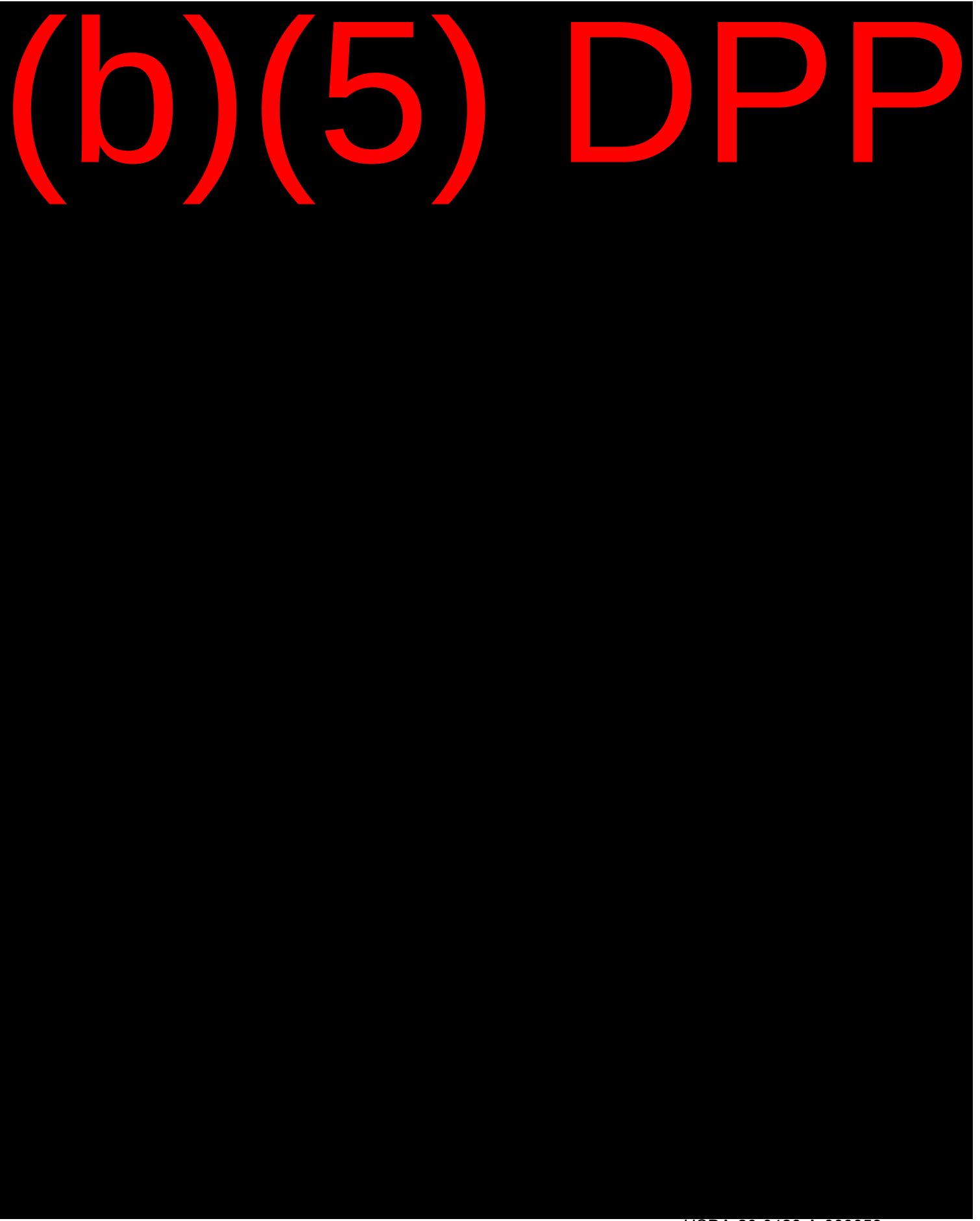
Rob—thanks for working with us on this proposal. We discussed the proposal with the GSA Examiner and have some additional questions (below and attached).

Please also provide us with a copy of the 'Expressions of Interest' that USDA plans to release as soon as possible.

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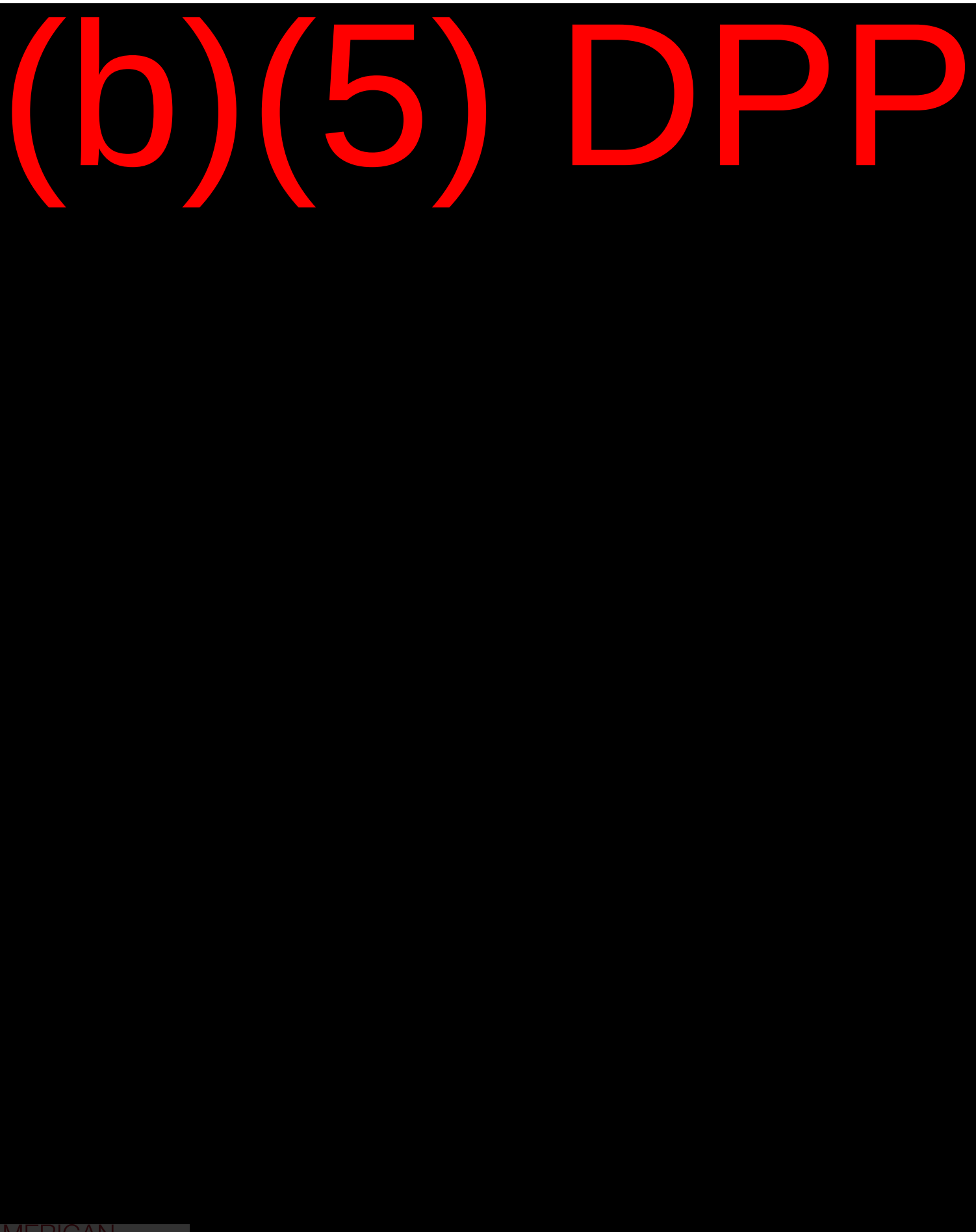
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Rob—thanks for working with us on this proposal. We discussed the proposal with the GSA Examiner and have some additional questions (below and attached).

Please also provide us with a copy of the 'Expressions of Interest' that USDA plans to release as soon as possible.

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