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RE: URGENT Request - IT Search Services Estimate

From : Chad E. Berg <chad@bdhtek.com>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 07:14 AM

Subject : RE: URGENT Request - IT Search Services Estimate 1 attachment**To :** Michael W. Tupper <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>

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To give you an idea of costs, it takes approximately 15 minutes (1/4 hour) to search 1 month of e-mails for one particular keyword. The request is asking for 24 domain name searches and 24 name variation searches from 1/1/18 – 12/2/21, which would be 36 months. The cost for that search alone @ \$120 per hour would be:

(24 domain name search + 24 name variation searches) * 36 months = 1,728 searches which would take 432 hours to complete at a cost of \$51,840.00

Search history for all City computers would involve searching 7 different firewall logs. Those searches we can search 3 months at a time, which again would take 15 minutes per search. (24 domain name search + 24 name variation searches) * 7 firewalls * (36 months/3 months per search) = 84 searches which would take 21 hours to complete at a cost of \$2,250.00

Let me know if you have any questions on this at all.

Thank you,

Chad E. Berg

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From: Michael W. Tupper <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 14:57**To:** Chad E. Berg <chad@bdhtek.com>**Subject:** URGENT Request - IT Search Services Estimate**Importance:** High

Hey Chad,

We have a public information request I need an immediate answer on. I need an cost estimate for BDH to conduct the records research for the attached records requests. The requesting party wants a cost estimate. I need to provide this information by August 17. You do not need to conduct the search yet. I just need to know an estimate of time and costs for your services if we hire you to do this. Your search would involve at minimum

of search of all police email and Internet use relevant to the requested information. You can call me with questions.

For the document labeled "Michael Merritt FOI Dated 120202021 REC 12162021" see pages 2 and 3. (1. Requested Information sub a, b, c, d, e, and g)

For the document labeled "Iowa Open Records Request - City of Marshalltown IA - #002 - 23 MAR 2022 Update" see page 3 (3. Requested Information sub a, and b.

Thank you!
Mike

Michael W. Tupper
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****Please note new email: mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov****

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RE: FOIA

From : Chad E. Berg <chad@bdhtek.com>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 04:29 PM

Subject : RE: FOIA 1 attachment**To :** Alicia Hunter <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Cc :** Mike Tupper <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>

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It takes approximately 15 minutes (1/4 hour) to search 1 account for 1 month of e-mail for a particular keyword. The hourly cost would be \$120 per hour.

There are currently 184 City e-mail accounts. The request is for 2 keywords, and 4 outside e-mail addresses (essentially a keyword search as well), so 6 total.

My calculation would be $184 * 6 = 1,104$ quarter hours, or 276 total hours per month searched. For 12 months, that would be 3,312 hours of labor. The corresponding charge at \$120 per hour would be \$397,440.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Chad E. Berg



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From: Alicia Hunter <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 09:33**To:** Chad E. Berg <chad@bdhtek.com>**Cc:** Mike Tupper <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Subject:** Re: FOIA

Chad - please base the estimate on the number of total email accounts the city has, not just Tupper's.

Thanks,

Alicia Hunter
City Clerk

From: "Mike Tupper" <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>
To: "Alicia Hunter" <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>
Cc: "Chad Berg" <chad@bdhtek.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:20:22 AM
Subject: Re: FOIA

Good morning Alicia,

I have had this conversation with Mr. Merritt before. His request requires BDH to do some work that is costly and then we will have to have legal review whatever BDH finds which is costly. Mr. Merritt should be required to pay in advance (because he won't pay) and has refused to search and legal review fees in the past.

Chad,

Can you give an estimate on time and cost to conduct the below research?

Thanks,
Mike

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****Please note new email: mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov****

From: "Alicia Hunter" <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>
To: "Michael W. Tupper" <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:16:34 AM.
Subject: FOIA

Chief Tupper,

I'm responding to a FOIA request from Michael Merritt. Could you please provide the following?

Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies, including the name "Merritt," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies, including the word "vexatious," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

Electronic mail for the calendar year 2023, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies, to or from the following emails, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

- erika.eckley@iowa.gov
- brett.toresdahl@iowa.gov
- daniel.strawhun@iowa.gov
- ipib@iowa.gov

Thanks,

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