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12 September 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00608

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 11 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to receive an electronic copy by email of the final report for project 35195 / "AIMS" / Lead Participant Asset Handling Limited from the Innovate UK Smart Grants Feb 2019 competition. The Application Number was 0035195 and the project concluded on 31 January 2023. The Innovate UK award offered was £304,390.

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

Innovate UK (IUK) do not request a final report for funded projects, but instead currently require most projects to complete a Project Completion Form (PCF) within 90 days of the project ending, a copy of which is provided to their monitoring officer.

Information provided in PCFs is used to understand the outputs and outcomes for project participants. This, in combination with other work, helps IUK to understand the impact of our funding, understand what we can do better, and provides the evidence base for future grant funding programmes.

The PCF includes questions about profitability and Intellectual Property. Participants are asked to answer these to be best of their ability but to not disclose any information which might breach any statute or regulation, especially those relating to or limiting the disclosure of financial information, jeopardise any patent or other Intellectual Property applications, or damage any ongoing commercial negotiations.

The PCF also specifically states that, "*individual responses will never be published or made publicly available*". It is on this basis that we have determined that the information you have requested falls under Section 41 of the FOIA, information provided in confidence. If this information was released, we believe it would result in an actionable breach of confidentiality.

Section 41 is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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