June 25, 2014

Federal Bureau of Investigation 1003 West 7th Street, Suite 320 Fairview Center Frederick, MD 21701



SUBJECT: Federal Corruption at the Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to report widespread corruption at the highest levels of the U.S. Government and the commission of felonious crimes by employees of the Federal Government and their contracted agents.

We are a small company headquartered in Frederick, Maryland. FoodQuestTQ LLC builds risk management tools for the food industry to prevent the intentional and accidental poisoning of food.

Over the past two years, FoodQuestTQ LLC has fallen victim to the misappropriation of our patented ideas, copyrights and trade secrets by members of the Food Defense Team of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Employees of the FDA Food Defense Team have stolen our intellectual property to duplicate a number of our computer software tools. This has resulted in the complete loss of our sales.

After filing a complaint with the Small Business Administration (SBA) about our concerns, the matter was elevated to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for resolution. In April 2013, DHHS dismissed the matter stating that no laws were broken when they duplicated our line of food risk management computer software tools.

Table 1, below, specifies at least eight areas involving the FDA and DHHS where federal laws have been violated.

- 1. FDA plagiarism of privately funded FoodQuestTQ LLC research;
- 2. FDA copyright and patent infringement by stealing the copyrighted research and the copyrighted written expressions of patented ideas and trade secrets belonging to FoodQuestTQ LLC;
- 3. FDA violations of Title 18 U.S.C. and other Federal statutes as they pertain to breaching the confidentiality of FoodQuestTQ LLC "business confidential" information and other unlawful actions;
- 4. FDA violations of acquisition and procurement law and regulations by duplicating FoodQuestTQ LLC commercial products;
- 5. DHHS and FDA predatory and anticompetitive actions taken against FoodQuestTQ LLC including fraud and collusion to commit fraud;
- 6. Obstruction of justice by employees of both the FDA and DHHS;
- 7. DHHS and FDA breach of express and implied contracts with FoodQuestTQ LLC to commit fraud, and;
- 8. Misprision of felony by employees of both the Executive and Legislative Branches of the U.S. Government.

Table 1: Examples of Violations of Federal Law

Please find attached a draft summary of the case. The summary details the alleged criminal activities that are taking place in the matter of *FoodQuestTQ LLC versus the Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration*. The attachment does not include evidentiary exhibits. Because of the unusually large volume of documents in this case we are currently building and backing up an electronic library of all documentary evidence in this case which we will make available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) upon request.

On June 2, 2014, we were informed by DHHS that they allowed the same employees alleged to be involved in the commission of felonious Federal crimes to conduct searches of their own electronic records to produce documentary evidence our company requested pursuant to P.L. 89–554, 80 Stat. 378, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (Freedom of Information Act). The FDA and DHHS have now denied the existence of the records that we requested. We subsequently confronted FDA and DHHS with electronic evidence that over 1000 such records did, in fact, exist prior to their search for records. The DHHS and FDA now deny that any records ever existed.

For the above reasons, there exists probable cause that employees of the FDA and DHHS are engaged in the intentional destruction of evidence in order to obstruct justice by destroying evidence of their own fraud, waste and abuse in the matter of FoodQuestTQ LLC versus the Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration.

In an attempt to avoid the further destruction of evidence we have solicited the assistance of the Director, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives, to immediately intervene to prevent the further destruction of evidence. Copies of our correspondence with the Director OGIS are attached for your information and use.

At this time, we request that the FBI intervene to prevent the further destruction of evidence, conduct a criminal investigation to determine if Federal laws have been violated and to take any other actions as appropriate.

Sincerely,

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