

U.S. Department of Labor

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Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Division of Longshore and
Harbor Workers' Compensation
Washington, D.C. 20210



File Number:

Mr. William Wilson
Americans for Limited Government
9900 Main Street, Suite 303
Fairfax, VA 22031

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Tracking Number 639720

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is in response to your March 9, 2011 letter addressed to Mr. Joseph J. Plick, U. S. Department of Labor, requesting documents from the Department of Labor under the FOIA.

Please note that, although your requests encompass records of the entire DOL, our office will be responding to your FOIA request only with respect to records maintained by the OWCP/DLHWC.

Your request has been assigned the tracking number 639720. Please refer to this tracking number in all subsequent correspondence pertaining to your request.

Your letter requested the following documents created between January 20, 2009 and the present:

1. Copies of all contracts between the Department and outside Legal counsel;
 - a. Copies of all correspondence between the Department and outside legal counsel regarding the performance of legal work for the Department , excluding privileged attorney work product;
2. Copies of all contracts between the Department and contractors who have been engaged to work on regulatory issues including rule writing; and
 - a. copies of all correspondence between the Department and contractors regarding the performance of such contracts.

The DLHWC does not have any records responsive to this request.

I believe that the Department has been responsive to your request. Should you disagree, you may file an appeal to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter. The appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for the appeal, including any supporting statements or arguments. To facilitate processing, you may wish to fax your appeal to (202) 692-5538. The appeal should include a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. The appeal should be addressed to:

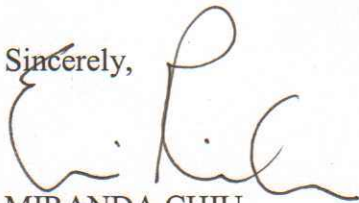
Solicitor of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
Room N-2428
2009 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

If mailed, both the envelope and the letter of appeal itself should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

As part of our initiative to provide better service to you, DOL has revised its Freedom of Information Act Regulations and Implementation of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996. The final rule updates the Department's FOIA procedures and streamlines the existing procedural requirement of the FOIA. These updates can be found on the DOL website at the following webpage:

<http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm>.

Sincerely,



FOR: MIRANDA CHIU
Acting Director, Division of
Longshore and Harbor
Workers' Compensation