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Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of March 9, 2011 wherein you are seeking 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 in regulatory issues including rule writing; and
 - (B) Copies of all correspondence between the Department and contractors regarding the performance of such contracts.

The Office of Administrative Law Judges had one contract pertaining to the time frame specified in your request, a copy of which is enclosed. Redactions have been made pursuant to Exemption 6.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Purcell
Chief Judge

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FOIA Coordinator

NOTICE: You may file an appeal of this decision with 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 statement or arguments. To facilitate processing, you may wish to fax your appeal to: (202) 693-5538. The appeal should include a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. The appeal must be addressed to: Solicitor of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor, Rm. N-2428, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. If mailed, both the envelope, and the letter of appeal itself should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."