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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request – Tracking No. 639720

Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This letter is in final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request processed by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB). You requested the following documents, records or information:

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
 - (B) Copies of all correspondence between the Department and contractors regarding the performance of such contracts.

My staff conducted a search for materials in formats that was reasonably calculated to uncover all documents or information responsive to your FOIA request. Enclosed are the responsive documents. Redactions have been made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5 and FOIA Exemption 6. ILAB is committed to the principles of openness and transparency in making disclosure determinations, and it is the policy of the Department of Labor to disclose information to the maximum extent practicable. See C.F.R. § 70.3.

You have the right to appeal my determination within 90 days from the date of this response. 29 C.F.R. §70.22. The appeal must be in writing and must state the grounds for an appeal, including any supporting statement or arguments.

You may file an appeal of this decision with the Solicitor of Labor. 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, Room 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."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Polaski".

Sandra Polaski
Deputy Undersecretary

Enclosures