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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request - Tracking Number 680412

Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This letter is in response to the April 4, 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed by your organization, Americans For Limited Government, which was assigned to the Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DEEOIC). Your request has been assigned tracking number 680412. Please refer to this tracking number in any future correspondence relative to your FOIA request.

Under FOIA, you requested the following records:

- (1) All contract documents from January 1, 2008 through the present, including, but not limited to, any request for proposal, task orders, and contract negotiation files under Contract number DOLJ119E32607, with the Center to Protect Workers' Rights (CPWR) and the Center for Construction Research and Training (CCRT); and
- (2) All internal communications between and among the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and the Office of Administration and Management (OASAM) regarding the contracts with CPWR or CCRT, including task orders, for the period from January 1, 2010 through the present.

In a response dated April 30, 2012, OASAM has responded to the first part of your request and provided copies of the contract documents responsive to this request. OWCP-DEEOIC is responding to the second part of the request concerning internal communications regarding the contracts in the possession of OWCP from January 1, 2010 to the present.

OWCP personnel conducted document searches regarding internal communications pertaining to the CPWR contract. However, these internal communications are being withheld pursuant to Exemption 5 under FOIA. This exemption permits an agency to withhold inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.

I believe that DEEOIC has been responsive to your request. There are no fees associated with this response, and this letter completes our action concerning your request.

Under FOIA, you may appeal this response to the Solicitor of Labor. 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. 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, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2428, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Alternatively, you may wish to fax your appeal to (202) 693-5538. If mailed, both the envelope and the letter of appeal itself should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You may alternatively submit an appeal by email to foiaappeal@dol.gov. Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted.

Sincerely,



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