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Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This letter is in response to your request, dated March 9, 2011, for copies of all contracts between the Department of Labor and outside legal counsel regarding the performance of legal work for the Department, excluding privileged attorney work product. You also requested copies of all correspondence between the Department and contractors regarding the performance of such contracts from January 20, 2009 to present. Your request was made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552 (FOIA).

A search was conducted to identify responsive documents in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Business Operations Center, Office of Procurement Services. Enclosed are records responsive to your request. In accordance with FOIA Exemption 4, the records were redacted to remove financial information and personnel names. Exemption 4 protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential." This exemption affords protection to those submitters who are required to furnish commercial or financial information to the government by safeguarding them from the competitive disadvantages that could result from disclosure.

As the Disclosure Officer, I believe that we have been responsive to your request. You may file an appeal of this determination with the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date you receive this letter. The appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for the appeal, including any supporting statement or arguments. To facilitate processing any additional correspondence on this matter, please refer to SIMS FOIA number 639720. 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, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room N-2428 Washington, D.C. 20210. If mailed, both the envelope and the letter of appeal itself should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You may email your appeal to FOIAappeal@dol.gov and attach the same documentation as if you were mailing the appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Stewart", is written over the typed name and title.

Al Stewart
Director
Business Operations Center

Enclosure (s)