

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

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I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT.

This is the Fiscal Year 2001 FOIA Report for the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury. The Department's combined report will be posted at the Department of the Treasury's Web site at:  
<http://www.treas.gov/foia/reports.htm>.

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Bureau of the Public Debt's FOIA Home Page:  
<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov> and click on FOIA

II. HOW TO MAKE A FOIA REQUEST; RESPONSE TIMES; WHY SOME REQUESTS NOT GRANTED.

II.A. The Bureau of the Public Debt's FOIA Reference Guide is available at <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov> and click on FOIA, or by contacting the office as described above.

II.B. The Bureau of the Public Debt's response time range in days was 1 day for simple requests to 164 days for requests where coordination with other agencies was necessary.

II.C. The most common reasons requests could not be granted are: (1) records were confidential, commercial or financial information, (2) we had no records, or (3) we needed more search information.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

See the Department of the Treasury's report as shown above.

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES.

Statute: 41 U.S.C. 253(b).

Type of Information: Information about non-winners of contract.

Upheld by Courts: Not decided by the courts at this time.

V. INITIAL FOIA/PA ACCESS REQUESTS.

A. Number of initial requests.

1. Pending 10/01/00: 10
2. Received FY 2001: 75
3. Processed FY 2001: 84
4. Pending 9/30/01: 1

B. Disposition of initial requests.

1. Total grants: 36
2. Partial grants: 12
3. Denials: 1
  - Number of times each FOIA exemption used:
    - (b) (1): 0
    - (b) (2): 1
    - (b) (3): 1
    - (b) (4): 6
    - (b) (5): 1
    - (b) (6): 2
    - (b) (7): 0
    - (b) (8): 1
    - (b) (9): 0
4. Other reasons for non-disclosure (total): 35
  - a. no records: 5
  - b. referrals: 6
  - c. withdrawn: 4
  - d. fee-related: 2
  - e. records not reasonably described: 12
  - f. not a proper FOIA request for some other reason: 0
  - g. not an agency record: 6
  - h. duplicate request: 0
  - i. other: 0

VI. APPEALS OF INITIAL DENIALS OF FOIA/PA REQUESTS.

A. Number of appeals.

1. Received FY 2001: 2
2. Processed FY 2001: 2

B. Disposition of appeals.

Number completely upheld: 2  
Number partially reversed: 0  
Number completely reversed: 0

Number of times each FOIA exemption used:

(b) (1) : 0  
(b) (2) : 0  
(b) (3) : 0  
(b) (4) : 0  
(b) (5) : 0  
(b) (6) : 0  
(b) (7) : 0  
(b) (8) : 0  
(b) (9) : 0

Other reasons for non-disclosure (total): 2

a. no records: 2  
b. referrals: 0  
c. withdrawn: 0  
d. fee-related: 0  
e. records not reasonably described: 0  
f. not a proper FOIA request for some other reason: 0  
g. not an agency record: 0  
h. duplicate request: 0  
i. other: 0

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH TIME LIMITS/STATUS OF PENDING REQUESTS.

A. Median time for processing requests.

1. Simple Requests:  
a. number of requests processed: N/A  
b. median number of days to process: N/A  
2. Complex Requests:  
a. Number of requests processed: 84  
b. Median number of days to process: 10  
3. Requests accorded expedited processing:  
a. Number of requests processed: N/A  
b. Median number of days to process: N/A

B. Status of pending requests.

Number of requests pending at end of FY 2001: 1  
Median number of days requests were pending: 33

VIII. COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS. (NOT REQUIRED)

IX. COSTS/FOIA STAFFING.

A. Staffing levels.

1. Number of full-time FOIA personnel: 1
2. Number of personnel with part-time FOIA duties (in work-years): 0.20
3. Total number of personnel (in work-years): 1.20

B. Total costs (staff and resources combined):

1. FOIA processing (including appeals): \$100,000
2. Litigation-related activities: \$0
3. Total costs: \$100,000
4. Comparison with previous years. (Not required).

C. Statement of additional resources needed for FOIA compliance. N/A

X. FEES.

- A. Total fees collected FY 01: \$349.11
- B. Percentage of total costs: .003%

XI. FOIA REGULATIONS.

Treasury FOIA regulations are codified at 31 CFR, Volume 1, Subtitle A, Part 1, and can be obtained by contacting Public Debt's Disclosure Office (see Sec. I of this report) or by accessing the Internet at:  
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr>. Click on "Search or browse your choice of CFR titles..." and click on the Title 31 citation above.