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Record Description:

I am requesting information on ALL the recipients of the Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee program of the DOE. Please include:
1) The recipient firm, institution, or organization.
2) The terms of the financial award.
3) The date of the award.
4) The geographical location of the recipient as well as the location of the program funded.
6) The sector of the recipient's work, for example, biomass or solar.
5) Any other pertinent information regarding the Loan Guarantee Program per recipient.

The information should be available from the office of the Loan Guarantee Program.

Thank you very much.

Preferred Form or Format: PDF

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

Yes. Concerns the direction of funding appropriated to the Loan Guarantee Program of the DoE.

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

Yes, will clearly show the recipients of loan guarantees.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the

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information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Yes, information will be publicly available free of charge.

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

Yes, given the public awareness of federal energy programs, the information is highly significant to the understanding the scope and focus of the nation's energy development activities.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

No, there is no commercial interest at stake.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

Disclosure is in the public interest only, there is no commercial interest.

Expedited Processing:

I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists (this option available ONLY for requesters primarily engaged in disseminating information)

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

Considering the significance of the federal government's alternative energy initiatives, and the growing public awareness of the DoE's funding activities, the requested documents are urgently needed in order for the public to understand the direction and scope of the DoE's financial assistance programs. Furthermore, the general public needs to be adequately informed about said funding at a time when there is a renewed focus on developing state and federal Energy Policies.