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Record Description:

I am requesting the FOIA log from 2000 to the present

Preferred Form or Format: Excel

Type of Requester (if provided):

Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for scholarly or scientific purpose 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."

This is part of contract research with GSA.

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.

We are a university and are charged with disseminating information to the public.

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

In addition to providing results to our direct funders, we offer our research to the general public.

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, it will provide information about the results of federal green building efforts.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a

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commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

Yes, the information will be of interest to other developers implementing cutting-edge green practices.

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."

The information will be of primary interest to GSA. Commercial interest is secondary, but sufficient.

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:

We are a research institute in contract with GSA to provide specific research by April 2009. We will provide the results of our research to GSA at that time. Our core mission is to provide research to the public and our funders regarding sustainable building practices.