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The following is a New FOIA request:

Name: LIAM CLANCY
Organization: DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
Address:
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Description of Request: 1. I am seeking the following information from your agency for the purpose of examining your compliance with Title 38 Code of Federal Regulation Part 720 pertaining to your "Disabled Veterans' Affirmative Action Program" plan. This plan is published on your website. I have an interest in determining accuracy of this report and your previous year's reports since 2003 in order to determine if your agency complies with applicable provisions of the Code requirement. 2. If your agency is exempt from this requirement, kindly submit proof of your exemption. If not exempt, please additionally include the information requested in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this request as well. 3. Kindly submit copies of your Disabled Veterans' Affirmative Action Program plan reports for the years 2003-2010 and the dates these reports were forwarded to the Department of Energy or directly to Congress for each year's report providing a record of transmission and receipt for each year. 4. Kindly also submit the following statistical information relative to your placement of veterans and disabled veterans: a. The total number of Veterans' Employment Opportunity Act of 1998 (VEOA) preference eligible employees currently employed with your agency hired under non-competitive hiring authorities, specifically the Veteran's Recruitment Authority (VRA) and Schedule A appointments. b. The number of VEOA preference eligible employees occupying the following category of positions within the agency: i. Total General Schedule (GS) 5/6/7 Graded Positions ii. Total General Schedule (GS) 8/9/10 Graded Positions iii. Total General Schedule (GS) 11 Graded Positions iv. Total General Schedule (GS) 12 Graded Positions v. Total General Schedule (GS) 13 Graded Positions vi. Total General Schedule (GS) 14 Graded Positions vii. Total General Schedule (GS) 15 Graded Positions viii. The total number of VEOA preference eligible employees holding Wage Grade or Equivalent Coded positions c. Kindly also submit the a break down of total employees occupying the following category of positions within the agency: i. Total General Schedule (GS) 5/6/7 Graded Positions ii. Total General Schedule (GS) 8/9/10 Graded Positions iii. Total General Schedule (GS) 11 Graded Positions iv. Total General Schedule (GS) 12 Graded Positions v. Total General Schedule (GS) 13 Graded Positions vi. Total General Schedule (GS) 14 Graded Positions vii. Total General Schedule (GS) 15 Graded Positions viii. The total number of employees holding Wage Grade (WG) or similarly coded positions
Preferred format: Flash Drive, Electronic Media or Written Report (Most Convenient To Agency)

Type of Requester: Personal

I request a fee Waiver

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because my request concerns "the operations or

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activities of the government" as explained below:

The Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program plan is a required annual report under 38 CFR Part 720, and specifically provides information related to activities of the government. Request pertaining to statistical analysis of VEOA eligibles occupying various graded positions is provided in a combined annual Congressional Report, but I am constructing an agency specific profile analysis.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:

Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. The Disabled American Veterans National Service Organization has an express interest in determining the extent to which federal agencies comply with the VEOA; make discretionary use of special hiring authorities for veterans and disabled veterans; and the positions veterans occupy within federal agencies to determine if their military training has adequately prepared them to hold suitable employment with the federal civil service in positions of pay and entitlement comparable to that of their prior military grade and occupational qualifications. This information will also contribute to an over-all analysis to determine if qualified veterans making use of veterans' educational entitlements are acquiring federal civil service positions suitable to their education, professional credentials, and experience. As your agency represents one of the largest federal employers in the region, the relative significance of your hiring VEOA eligible veterans will be compared to that of other federal agencies in the region and submitted in a report to the Disabled American Veterans Office of the National Commander for consideration in use for future legislative efforts focused on amending the current codified limitations of federal civil service positions limited to veterans and disabled veterans which presently date back to World War II.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because an understanding by the general public of the subject is likely to result from disclosure, taking into account my ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter as explained below:

This information will be used for a statistical analysis of your government agency's hiring operations with respect to the Veterans' Employment Act of 1998 as well as to determine the extent of your agency's Special Emphasis Program and Selective Placement Program efforts to offer suitable employment opportunities to veterans and disabled veterans

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:

This information will also contribute to an over-all analysis providing a significant public understanding if qualified veterans making use of veterans' educational entitlements are acquiring federal civil service positions suitable to their education, professional credentials, and experience. As your agency represents one of the largest federal employers in the region, the relative significance of your hiring VEOA eligible veterans will be compared to that of other federal agencies in the region and submitted in a report to the Disabled American Veterans Office of the National Commander for consideration in use for future legislative efforts focused on amending the current codified limitations of federal civil service positions limited to veterans and disabled veterans which presently date back to World War II.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because of a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so:

Veterans employment issues have no commercial value; and no codified authority exists mandating hiring veterans except under limited circumstances. Therefore, this information has no commercial value.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because 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." as explained below:

This information will be used in legislative efforts by DAV Legislative Advocates to urge Congress to provide greater employment opportunities to veterans than those currently limited to GS-5 level and below -historically unchanged since WWII.

If denied a waiver or reduction, I Agree to pay up to 150.00