



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

October 8, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Dan Seligman
Columbia Research Corporation
PO Box 99249
Seattle, WA 98139

FOIA #BPA-2014-00042-F

Dear Mr. Seligman:

Thank you for your request for records that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. Your request was received in this office on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, and has been assigned control number BPA-2014-00042-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the BPA about your request.

You requested the following:

1. A copy of the RFP used by BPA to select Avue Technologies.
2. A copy of the Avue Technologies contract (including the scope of work).
3. Records, including emails, from BPA to Avue Technologies directing, permitting or approving Avue Technologies to prepare the September 27, 2013, report entitled "BPAs DOE/OPM DE Audit Analysis and Recommendations".

We have reviewed your request and have determined that it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA, DOE, and BPA regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

Fees are being waived for this request.

BPA has twenty (20) working days to respond to your request. The due date for a response to you is Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

Please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Specialist, at 503-230-5273 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

November 21, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Dan Seligman
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Seattle, WA 98139

FOIA #BPA-2014-00042-F

Dear Mr. Seligman:

BPA is unable to meet the allowed 30 work-day time frame set in the statute to complete your Freedom of Information Act request.

You requested:

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BPA has determined that your request for information is a “complex” request. A complex request is defined in the FOIA where “unusual circumstances” exist. Unusual circumstances are defined as searching inactive records; where a “voluminous” amount of data is involved; where information about other individuals has to be redacted; or where BPA has to consult with another agency which has a substantial interest in the response.

In the case of your request, BPA must consult with Avue Technologies regarding any commercial and proprietary information in the contract.

We are processing complex requests in a “first in, first out” basis and will keep you apprised of our progress. Our goal date for completing your request is Tuesday, December 31, 2013.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact our office at 503-230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

December 17, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Dan Seligman
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PO Box 99249
Seattle, WA 98139

RE: Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dear Mr. Seligman:

Per your request, I have analyzed the four outstanding Freedom of Information Act requests you submitted, and determined they meet the "unusual circumstances" criteria for FOIA requests (5 USC 552(a)(6)(B)(1)). Here, the unusual circumstances are the voluminous amount of data involved in processing and reviewing the requests. Also as required by FOIA, I am informing you that you have the opportunity to modify your request.

I am providing you with the revised release dates (below). I assure you I will make every effort to finalize and release the responsive records to your requests before the stated deadlines.

You requested the following:

BPA-2013-01404-F – "Washington 2 Advocates contract, invoices, work product, and correspondence with BPA since July 11, 2012." **February 28, 2014.**

BPA-2013-01448 – "All other audits and investigation reports since October 1, 2009, related to the operation of BPA's Human Capital Management office. The term "audit" includes internal audits conducted by BPA staff...and BPA contractors (e.g., AVUE Technologies)." **January 15, 2014.**

BPA-2013-01449 –

"1. All communications between BPA and the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") since May 11, 2010, (when President Obama issued his memorandum *Improving the Federal Recruitment and Hiring Process*) that describe BPA's compliance with the President's memorandum. This request includes progress reports on how BPA is (or is not) implementing the category rating system described in the memorandum.

2. All communications since January 1, 2012, between BPA and DOE regarding:

- a) the revocation, withdrawal or suspension of BPA's hiring and position classification authority.
- b) the revocation, withdrawal or suspension of BPA's authority to perform competitive staff recruitments.
- c) the revocation, withdrawal or suspension of BPA's merit promotion authority.

3. All communications since January 1, 2012, between BPA and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management regarding:

- a) the revocation, withdrawal or suspension of BPA's hiring and position classification authority.
- b) the revocation, withdrawal or suspension of BPA's authority to perform competitive staff recruitments.
- c) the revocation, withdrawal or suspension of BPA's merit promotion authority.

4. All communications since January 1, 2012, between BPA and DOE regarding the suspension of authority to take adverse actions against BPA employees (i.e., removal). I do not want the names of individual employees. I would, however, like to receive a copy of the suspension notice(s) and the reasons for the suspension.” **March 31, 2014.**

BPA-2013-01453 –

“1. All meeting materials (e.g., agenda, handouts and notes), videos and tape recordings of a BPA Human Capital Management staff meeting on February 20, 2008, in the GSA auditorium in which internal BPA hiring issues (including veterans preferences) were discussed. **Released**

2. All meeting materials (e.g., agenda, handouts and notes), videos and tape recordings of a BPA Human Capital Management staff meeting on May 7, 2008, in which internal BPA hiring issues (including veterans preferences) were discussed. **Released**

3. All follow-up e-mails from BPA vice president Kim Leathley and Human Resources Officer Roy Fox to each other and/or to BPA staff regarding the February 20 and May 7 meetings (e.g., directing or suggesting that staff take certain actions discussed at the meetings).” **March 15, 2014.**

BPA-2014-00042-F –

“1. A copy of the RFP used by BPA to select Avue Technologies. **Released**

2. A copy of the Avue Technologies contract (including the scope of work). **April 15, 2014**

3. Records, including emails, from BPA to Avue Technologies directing, permitting or approving Avue Technologies to prepare the September 27, 2013, report entitled “BPAs DOE/OPM DE Audit Analysis and Recommendations”.” **January 15, 2014**

As we have related before, we have brought on two new staff to assist with the large volume of simple (small volume, no external review required) and complex (voluminous records, and/or external review required (i.e., contracts, other agency documents)) and then are processing on a “first in, first out” basis in each track.

Again, your patience is appreciated.

Please contact me at 503-230-7303 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

June 20, 2014

In reply refer to: D-B1

Dan Seligman
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PO Box 99249
Seattle, WA 98139

FOIA #BPA-2014-00042-F

Dear Mr. Seligman:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request dated July 25, 2013. In our letter dated December 17, 2014, we notified you that we would not be able to complete the request within the normal statutory timeframe.

You requested:

1. A copy of the RFP used by BPA to select Avue Technologies. **Released**
2. A copy of the Avue Technologies contract (including the scope of work).
3. Records, including emails, from BPA to Avue Technologies directing, permitting or approving Avue Technologies to prepare the September 27, 2013, report entitled "BPAs DOE/OPM DE Audit Analysis and Recommendations."

The responsive documents are undergoing legal review. BPA now estimates it will be able to finalize your FOIA request(s) by Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison, at (503) 230-5273.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro
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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

September 29, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2014-00042-F

Dan Seligman
Columbia Research Corporation
P.O. Box 99249
Seattle, WA 98139

Dear Mr. Seligman:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office and acknowledged on October 8, 2013.

You requested:

1. A copy of the RFP used by BPA to select Avue Technologies.
2. A copy of the Avue Technologies contract (including the scope of work).
3. Records, including e-mails, from BPA to Avue Technologies directing, permitting or approving Avue Technologies to prepare the September 27, 2013 report entitled "BPA's DOE/OPM DE Audit Analysis and Recommendations."

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by September 30, 2014. Due to the backlog of FOIA requests and the legal review process necessary for this request, our new target date for response to you is March 30, 2015. We apologize for the delay and will keep you updated on our progress.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Colleen Cushnie, Case Officer (BPA Contractor, ACS), at (503) 230-5986 or via email at cacushnie@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. M. Frost". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the line.

C. M. Frost
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer