



Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550
Richland, Washington 99352

August 7, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Carie Fox
(home address has been deleted)

Dear Ms. Fox:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2013-01275)

This is a final response from this office to the request for information that you sent to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office. In an e-mail dated June 26, 2013, you stated you were seeking the following information from Hanford:

Requests for Proposals (or other documents that DOE sends out in eliciting proposals from neutrals or managers of neutrals) for the last two dispute resolution contracts the DOE put out for bid;

Winning proposals for the last two dispute resolution contracts awarded;

The written agreement to enter into a dispute resolution proceeding (if any) for the last two dispute resolution contracts your agency has put out for bid and awarded.

A copy of your request was forwarded to this office for response and was received on July 5, 2013.

We have conducted a thorough search of both the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) files and of the DOE Office of River Protection (ORP) offices and files and no documents were located. This search was conducted by those within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request, in locations where documents would most likely be found. Specifically, we searched the files of the RL Procurement Division, Human Resources Management Division and the Office of River Protection.

The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for the adequacy of our search in this letter. Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615, and shall be filed within 30 days after receipt of this letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide this office with a copy of your letter.

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For the purpose of assessment of fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(4), as a “other” requester. Requesters in this category are provided two hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies at no charge. However, since costs associated with your request fell under two hours of search time, there will be no charge for this response.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
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