Submit by Email

Labor Relations and Collective Barganing

UNIFORM FORMAT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE
ANNUAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008
October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008
(Please type)

PROCESSING OF FOIA REQUESTS

Name, Title and Telephone Number of FOIA Officer: Darnita Akers
Attorney Advisor
724-8711

Number of FOIA requests received during reporting period ……3

Number of FOIA requests pending on October 1, 2007……1

Number of FOIA requests pending on September 30, 2008……0

The average number of days unfilled requests have been pending before each public body as of September 30, 2008 ……3.3

DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS

Number of requests granted, in whole……2

Number of requests granted, in part, denied, in part……1

Number of requests denied, in whole……0

Number of requests withdrawn……0

Number of requests referred or forwarded to other public bodies[1]……0

Other disposition ……1

NUMBER OF REQUESTS THAT RELIED UPON EACH FOIA EXEMPTION

1. Exemption 1 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(1)……1
2. Exemption 2 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2)……0
3. Exemption 3 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(3)……0
   a. Subcategory (A)……0
   b. Subcategory (B)……0
   c. Subcategory (C) ……0
   d. Subcategory (D) ……0
   e. Subcategory (E) ……0
   f. Subcategory (F) ……0

[1] This number only reflects the number of requests referred or forwarded to another public body as the only and final disposition of that request. The requests that are processed within the public body and resulted in a grant, denial or partial grant/denial as well as a referral are not included in this number.

4. Exemption 4 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(4) ……..1
5. Exemption 5 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(5)……... 0
6. Exemption 6 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(6)……... 1
   a. Subcategory (A)…….....1
   b. Subcategory (B)…….1
7. Exemption 7 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(7)……... 0
8. Exemption 8 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(8)……... 0
9. Exemption 9 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(9)……... 0
10. Exemption 10 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(10)……... 0
11. Exemption 11 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(11)……... 0
12. Exemption 12 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(12)……... 0

TIME-FRAMES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

Number of FOIA requests processed within 15 days……3

Number of FOIA requests processed between 16 and 25 days…….0

Number of FOIA requests processed in 26 days or more……..1

Average (mean) number of days to process FOIA Requests[2]…… 3.3

RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

Number of Hours Staff Devoted to Processing FOIA Requests……43

Total dollar amount expended by public body for processing FOIA requests……..0

FEES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

Total amount of fees collected by public body……$281

PROSECUTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(d) OF THE D.C. FOIA

Number of employees found guilty of a misdemeanor for arbitrarily or capriciously violating any provision of the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act ……...0

[2] The Freedom of Information Amendment Act of 2000 requests the median number of days to process FOIA requests. We have provided the average number of days instead of the median number of days as it more reasonably reflects response to FOIA requests.

QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTION OR SUMMARY STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 208(a)(9) of the D.C. FOIA, provide in the space below or as an attachment, "[a] qualitative description or summary statement, and conclusions drawn from the data regarding compliance [with the provisions of the Act]."

During fiscal year 2008, we received two very simple FOIA requests which were immediately processed. We received a third FOIA request in the form of a letter claiming that we had not responded to the requester's previous two requests. We have no record of receiving any FOIA requests from that requester, and there was no substantive request for information included within the letter. We responded to the letter and invited the requester to contact the FOIA officer by phone, letter, e-mail or in person, but to date we have not received any further communication from the requester. This third request was categorized "other disposition." The one FOIA request that was pending from fiscal year 2007 was granted in part and in denied in part on March 13, 2008. The time for processing this FOIA request was not included in the calculation of the average number of days to process requests, as it greatly skewed the result. The average time for processing a FOIA request received in FY 2008 was 3.3 days, but the time from processing the complex FOIA request pending from FY 2007 was 358 days.