



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

January 28, 2015

RE: 2014-11-010

Mr. Craig Robinson
The Patriots Foundation
6601 Westwon Parkway
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter further acknowledges the receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, dated October 27, 2014. You have requested copies of “any and all applications for grants under Section 1603 American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act (PL 111-5) submitted by Sungevity, Inc. that resulted in an award of Section 1603 grant money.”

You have requested to be placed in the "other requester" category for fee purposes.¹ As such, you are entitled to two hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication without charge.²

An initial query within the Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary identified approximately 1,067 potentially responsive applications. I estimate that there are more than 53,350 potentially responsive pages.

Based upon this information and feedback provided by the program office, I estimate that the search for and duplication of these records will require 178 hours. The estimated processing fee for your request is \$24,508.24³. This estimate is based upon the estimated search hours (minus two free hours) at the actual salary rate plus sixteen percent (\$78.74/hour) of the federal employees involved in the search for responsive records⁴, plus the cost per page of duplication (the first 100 pages are free) at \$0.20 per page⁵. Please note that this is an estimate – we will adjust the processing fee in our final response as necessary to reflect the actual costs for search and duplication fees if those fees do not match the estimated fee provided above.

Before Treasury can begin to process your request, you must make an advance payment of the current estimated fee of \$24,508.24⁶.

¹ See 31 C.F.R. § 1.5(b)(2)(v).

² See 31 C.F.R. § 1.7(a)(4).

³ 178 hours search time minus two hours free equals 176 hours. 176 hours at \$78.74 per hour equals \$13,858.24. 53,350 pages minus 100 pages free equals 53,250 pages. 53,250 pages at \$0.20 per page equals \$10,650. Search costs of \$13,858.24 plus duplication costs of \$10,650 equals \$24,508.24.

⁴ See 31 C.F.R. § 1.7(g)(3).

⁵ See 31 C.F.R. § 1.7(g)(1)(i).

⁶ See 31 C.F.R. § 1.7(f)(3) (permitting collection of advance payments where costs exceed \$250).

Please make your check or money order payable to the “Treasury of the United States” and send it to the following address:

FOIA and Transparency
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Once your payment is received, Treasury will begin to process your request. Alternatively, you may choose to reformulate your request in order to meet your needs at a lower cost⁷. For example, you may wish to limit your request to copies of the 1603 application and exclude copies of supporting materials submitted by the company. Should you wish to discuss narrowing the scope of your request, please contact Michelle Henshaw of my staff at (202) 622-0930, or via e-mail at TreasFOIA@treasury.gov.

If we do not receive your payment of \$24,508.24 or an amended request within 20 working days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in your request and will consider your request withdrawn.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your request, you may appeal within 35 days of the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for the appeal. Your appeal should be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Appeal
FOIA and Transparency, DO
Department of the Treasury
Washington, DC 20220

Sincerely,

Ryan Law
Director, FOIA and Transparency

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⁷ See C.F.R §1.7 (e)(1).