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Jean Carkin
Freedom of Information Act Officer GSA
General Services Administration, Region 10
400 15th Street SW
Auburn WA, 9801

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Dear Jean Carkin:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act on behalf of The Seattle Times for copies of the following records:

All training records, including but not limited to written tests, firearms certifications and tracking spreadsheets and/or databases, for all contract guards employed by Argus Services Inc. in Region 10 under the GSA-Argus Security Guard Service Contract. Where available, we request records in electronic format, otherwise on paper copies.

Please contact either Ray Rivera (206-464-2926, rayrivera@seattletimes.com) or Mike Carter (206-464-3706, mcarter@seattletimes.com) if we can clarify or expedite this request in any way.

We would appreciate prompt reply and a liberal interpretation for the fullest possible access to public records, as required by the Act. As news media, we request the statutory fee waiver. The Justice Department says you must give priority to timely news media requests. The Freedom of Information Act requires denial of any part of this request be accompanied by a written statement of exactly what is being denied and the specific reason, subject to judicial review. The law also requires that if part of a record is exempt from disclosure, you must release all segregable parts.

Respectfully,

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