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Mr. Will Ferroggiaro
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Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This is in final response to your January 31, 2003 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (Archive #20030111SBA002) for "Copies of the Small Business Administration's ten oldest open or pending Freedom of Information Act requests...."

As discussed with Meredith Fuchs of your staff, because SBA's FOIA processing is decentralized, we are responding with the last ten requests received in this office (as of the date of your request). In addition, be advised that these requests may not be "open or pending" but, the initial processing office may have already responded.

The following is a list of the subject requests, which are enclosed, and our disclosure determinations for each. Where cited, information is withheld pursuant to Exemptions 4 and 6 of the FOIA.

Exemption 4 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)) allows the discretion to withhold "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential" the release of which could be competitively harmful to the submitter of the information; which could impair the government's ability to obtain similar necessary information in a purely voluntary manner in the future; and, which could affect other governmental interests, such as program effectiveness and compliance.

Exemption 6 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) covers personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute "a clearly unwarranted invasion" of individual privacy and might adversely affect the individual or his/her family.

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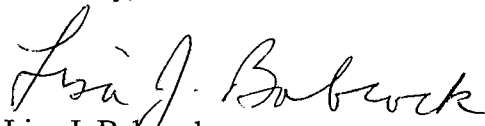
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1. 1/30/03 email request from Chung Wong. Personal email address withheld (WH) pursuant to Exemption (Ex.) 6.
2. 1/27/03 email/fax request from Victoria Mann. Portions WH Ex. 4.
3. 2/01/02 request from William Roberts with 1/21/03 Department of Commerce referral (2 pages). Released in full (RIF).
4. 1/27/03 email request from Herb Dantzler. RIF.
5. 1/23/03 email request from Laya Martin. RIF.
6. 1/22/03 email request from Melvin Ray. Personal email address WH Ex. 6.
7. 1/22/03 email request from Damita Ramsey. WH in part (home address & phone) Ex. 6.
8. 1/21/03 email request from Al Nolan. RIF.
9. 1/21/03 email request from David Senderowitz. RIF.
10. 1/19/03 email request from Lynne Stamm. Personal email address WH Ex. 6.

In accordance with 13 CFR § 102.8(h), we have not assessed charges for processing your appeal.

If this reply is unsatisfactory, you have a right to appeal this decision to SBA's Assistant Administrator for Hearings and Appeals, 409 3rd St., SW, Washington, DC 20416. You must submit your appeal within 45 calendar days of the date of this letter. The appeal should contain a description of the information denied, the name and title of the employee who denied the request, the reason for the denial, and any other pertinent facts.

Sincerely,



Lisa J. Babcock
Chief, Freedom of Information/
Privacy Acts Office

Enclosures