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Record Description:

I would like all correspondence, email, and paperwork which relates to the assigning of $12 million of congressional earmarks from FY06 and FY08 to research grant DE-FG02-06ER64249 which specifies 5 UCLA-based research projects and technical centers as the recipients.

This request will likely include clarifying correspondence or records of phone conversations between DOE, Michael Phelps at UCLA, Senator Ted Stevens, and members of Stevens' office such as Elizabeth Connell.

Preferred Form or Format: PDF

Type of Requester (if provided):

A representative of the news media affiliated with The Scientist and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Type of Media (if provided):

Magazine

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

The request concerns operations of the government

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

The informative value is likely to contribute to an understanding of government activities

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

We have the ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public to further

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understanding of government operations

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

Disclosures is highly likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

The request is not primarily in my commercial interest.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

The request is not primarily in my commercial interest.

Expedited Processing:

I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists (this option available ONLY for requesters primarily engaged in disseminating information)

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

We are a member of the news media engaged in a complex project and would like to disseminate this information to the public at the earliest possible date.