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Record Description:

A detailed account of all funds appropriated to the Office of Science for biofuel and bioenergy research and development. This includes funds utilized both within the agency and funds offered as outside grants or contracts. The account will document the funds from legislation to implementation and be organized by year and managing program.The account should include:
1.origin of funds (year appropriated and legislative authority) 2. managing program or office,and subprogram(s) 3. nature of fund utilization site, ie. intraagency or outside institution, listed by name 4. duration of funds appropriated, ie. length of grant, etc.
5. bioenergy sector funded, ie. biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol, etc.
6. geographic location of fund utilization, ie. national laboratory site or outside firm

Preferred Form or Format: PDF (electronic) AND paper

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

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 funds appropriated by the federal government for use by federal agencies.

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 request will significantly contribute to public awareness of the federal government's bioenergy funding activities by consolidating financial information and clarifying announcements regarding funding of the Office of Science.

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.

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The information will be disseminated on my personal blog, "http://www.fueltofield.blogspot.com" and will be utilized by the Dogwood Alliance and Southern Forest Network as nonprofit agencies as needed in public awareness campaigns.

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.

As one of the primary agencies conducting research and development on bioenergy, the DOE's Office of Science is of the highest public interest. By disclosure of the requested information, the public will be able to better understand the nature, direction, and scope of the funds appropriated to the Office of Science for such research and development.

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

I have absolutely no commercial interest in the request. I am neither paid for the request, nor am I able to benefit financially from the disclosure of information in the request.

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 public interest is great, and there is no commercial interest whatsoever.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: