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Record Description:

I would like to receive copies of the DOE Sec. 136 Loan Applications (Advanced Technology Vehicle Loans) submitted by Tesla Motors, Ford and Nissan. The loans were approved in June of 2009.

Preferred Form or Format:

Type of Requester (if provided):

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

Type of Media (if provided):

Other: Internet

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."

Yes. Loan grants to Tesla when Elon Musk claimed in advance he "knew" he would get the loans. Also, foreign corporation availing to US program when no such program is available for American firms in Japan.

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.

Yes, this information will make more public the government operations and hopefully dispell claims of favoritism.

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.

This information will be reviewed and then reported on through intenet outlets.

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.

The granting of billions of dollars to a select few, the understanding of which will be aided by this information.

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

How Elon Musk and Tesla received financing will not advance my commerical interests but will help make public a governmental process whereby billions of dollars are distributed to a select few.

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."

This is a very significant public disclosure given Tesla's owners also having just received a multi-billion dollar contract from Nasa and as mentioned, there being no recipricol program availble in Japan for American caompnies.

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:

There is a limited fund created by this program. Moreover, once these recipients receive their checks there will be no real recourse and the public has a right to know these matters before they're concluded.