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Hello Mr. Downey,

I am the authorizing official responsible for making the determination required by Section 1004.5(b) of the Department of Energy (DOE) regulations found at 10 CFR Part 1004, implementing the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552.

We are in receipt of your subject FOIA request for information relative to several DOE Office of Science (SC) national laboratories, also referred to in your request as "Research Centers." The national laboratories for which you are requesting information under our office's records jurisdiction include Ames Laboratory (Ames), Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (FNAL), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), and Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL). Your request had been transferred by our DOE Headquarters FOIA Office (see letter to you dated September 7, 2010 from our HQ office under HQ reference #HQ-2010-01934-F). For the purposes of that portion of your request involving our office, your request has been controlled #CH-2010-02043-F. Because our office only has FOIA records jurisdiction over records located at Ames, ANL, BNL, LBNL, FNAL, and PPPL, this e-mail addressed only that portion of your FOIA request that relates to those national laboratories. Other DOE offices will respond to you directly respecting information under their FOIA records jurisdiction.

In your original FOIA request you were specifically seeking the following eight items of information relative to the national laboratories:

1) The number of employees at the Research Center(s);
2) The Government Point of Contact, department, phone number, email and address;
3) The Contractor Point of Contact, phone number, email and address;
4) What year the incumbent obtained the contract to operate the center;
5) The dollar amount of the contract, total and yearly;
6) The date the contract expires;
7) A copy of the proposal that obtained the current contract;
8) If the contractor is non-profit, not-for-profit or for-profit.

In your September 14, 2010 telephone conversation with Attorney Megan Mikhail of our office, you narrowed your request to exclude Item #7 of your request, and you clarified that for Item #5 you meant the term "yearly" to be "fiscal year" not "calendar year." Therefore, this response addresses Items 1 – 6, and Item 8 of your request.

Under FOIA, which covers only requests for existing records (i.e., there is no requirement for agencies to create records), we would not typically create a record to respond to a FOIA request. However, for your request, since our search would have been overly burdensome to uncover all existing records that contain the information you are seeking, and because most of the information you seek is readily available through public sources, we are providing you with the attached table of information responsive to your request. You will note that some of the entries in the table are websites where that information can be found. Other entries are items of information secured from the respective DOE site offices and respective national laboratories.

You have been categorized as an "Other" requester, where fees for search and duplication are normally charged. However, fees for your request do not exceed the minimum $15.00 threshold for charging fees under FOIA. Therefore, there are no fees associated with your request at this time.

This response constitutes our full and final release of information responsive to your narrowed request. If after your review of our response, you have related questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

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