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Request ID	Requested Date	Received Date	Organization	Request Description	Request Status
DOI-2025-002413	12/27/2024	01/30/2025 -		<p>Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: From the timeframe of January 1, 2024 to present, all of the following records from JOAQUIN GALLEGOS (ADVISOR): For all inboxes assigned to the custodian, the last 225 emails sent by the custodian (through the custodian's sent/outbox) for each assigned email, regardless of classification (last 225 emails sent at the time of the FOIA/e-discovery search). For all agency/work issued cell phones, the last 75 sent text/SMS messages sent by the custodian (last 75 SMSs sent at the time of the FOIA/e-discovery search). Search Instructions: Please conduct a thorough search of all email accounts assigned to the custodian, regardless of their classification level, including but not limited to unclassified, secret, and top-secret emails. For any potentially responsive documents please include all file attachments regardless of type and the entire email chain for completeness. I am amicable to a rolling production as records are available. I request all responsive documents be delivered electronically, via email. To further narrow down the scope of the request, requester does not seek correspondence that merely forwards press clippings, such as news accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters, and published or docketed materials, if that correspondence has no comment or no substantive comment added by any party in the thread. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).</p> <p>I am requesting information regarding the application for federal acknowledgement by the "Powhatan Nation" or the "Powhatan Nation of American Indians." Specifically, I am hoping to confirm if such a tribe made application for federal acknowledgement. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2023 To 12/29/2024)</p>	Closed
DOI-2025-002589	12/29/2024	01/06/2025	(Community member)		Documents Added

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DOI-2025-002693	01/03/2025	01/03/2025 -	Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Documents sufficient to account for the agency's occupancy data/vacancy data for the agency's headquarters building by day (or month by month) for the year of 2024. Search Instructions: Please limit all searches in response to this to the timeframe of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Please search any underlying agency databases that are known to contain the agency's daily occupancy and vacancy rate data, such as employee check-in/badging databases, etc.	Closed
DOI-2025-002707	01/03/2025	01/06/2025 -	Letter of Intent to Petition submitted by the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians (Petitioner No. 96), received by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment on or about October 18, 1984.	Closed
DOI-2025-002708	01/03/2025	01/03/2025 -	Letter of Intent to Petition submitted by the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians (Petitioner No. 96), received by the Office of Documents Added Federal Acknowledgment on or about October 18, 1984.	
DOI-2025-002743	01/06/2025	01/17/2025 -	All information regarding the BIA decision to declare the Westwoods parcel in Hampton Bays, NY as the Shinnecock Nation's aboriginal land after decades of litigation has failed to answer the question of how Westwoods is held. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2010 To 01/06/2025)	Closed
DOI-2025-002747	01/06/2025	01/06/2025 -	Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Documents sufficient to account for screenshots of the most recent version of the agency's internal intranet homepage, as well as all pages directly linked from that homepage (defined as the primary internal webpage accessed by agency employees, such as a SharePoint site or equivalent platform). Should the agency decline to create new records, such as screenshots, I hereby request that the agency produce an export of the source code (including HTML, JavaScript, and CSS) for the aforementioned pages, as these constitute agency records subject to disclosure. Search Instructions: Please limit all searches in response to this to the timeframe of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.	Documents Added
DOI-2025-002763	01/06/2025	01/06/2025 -	Copy of memorandum and attachments signed by Bryan Newland dated December 23, 2024 addressed to the BIA Eastern Regional Director Kimberly Bouchard regarding the Westwoods property in Hampton Bays NY owned by the Shinnecock Nation.	Closed

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All memoranda regarding the Westwoods property in Hampton Bays, NY including the one referenced by Assistant Secretary Newland in his letter to Lisa Goree dated January 2, 2025 (attached).

All internal or external communications (emails, text messages, instant messaging, etc.) sent to or by the following employees, including through any alias accounts:

1. Assistant Secretary, Bryan Newland
2. Eastern Regional Director of the BIA, Kimberly Bouchard

Assigned

Please limit your search and processing of records for the foregoing custodians to those records containing any of the following sets of keywords:

Westwoods

Shinnecock

(Date Range for Record Search: From 09/01/2024 To 01/07/2025)

[DOI-2025-002799](#)

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Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Documents sufficient to account for the agency's oldest 25 open FOIA requests, including: 1) all correspondence with the original requestor 2) all internal case processing and search statuses, notes, and other processing information 3) a copy of the original FOIA request 4) all document productions made the requestor thus far.

Search Instructions: Please limit all searches in response to this to the timeframe of January 1, 1990 to December 31, 2024. If the oldest requests open with the agency are less than 18 months (from the date of the original FOIA submission), please close out this FOIA without conducting any searches. Please conduct a search of any relevant agency databases known to house records related to FOIA processing, including any associated notes, data, or documentation pertinent to such processing.

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- A copy of any outreach and/or legal notice to the Shinnecock Indian Nation, the State of New York, the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Attorney General, the Town of Southampton, or to any other entity that was contacted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as part of the "examin[ation of] the land title status of the Westwoods parcel" as referenced in the January 2, 2025 letter (see attached pdf, US Department of Interior Letter to Lisa Goree 1-2-25).□
- A copy of any materials received as a result of the above referenced outreach.□
- A copy of the determination that concluded that the Westwoods parcel "is within the Nation's aboriginal territory, that the Nation has resided within its aboriginal territory since time immemorial and has never removed there from, and that Westwoods is within the purview of the Nonintercourse Act" as referenced in the January 2, 2025 letter.□
- A copy of any documents considered as a part of reaching the above referenced determination.□
- A copy of any documents or authority cited in the above referenced determination.□
- A copy of any and all delegations of authority to Brian Newland as Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2019 To 01/09/2025)

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To the FOIA Officer, □

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR □

Dear FOIA Officer, □

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) for documents related to the award of FIS ADVERTISING VACANT POSITIONS contract. The contract was awarded under Notice ID : 140A2323Q0441 on Jul 25, 2023 by DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, and the contract number is 140A2323P0506. □

Specifically, I request access to the following documents: □

1. The full text of the winning proposal submitted for this contract, with minimal redactions to ensure the substance of the proposal is understandable and usable. □

2. Copies of other shortlisted proposals (if applicable) that were evaluated during the selection process. □

My request is made in the context of academic research, conducted in collaboration with universities, aimed at examining procurement processes and decision-making criteria in government contracts, particularly in the area of public infrastructure and operational services. The requested documents are essential for our research and will contribute to a better understanding of these processes. □

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I understand that the FOIA permits withholding certain proprietary information (Exemption 4), and I am open to receiving redacted versions where necessary.

However, I respectfully request that redactions be kept to a minimum, in line

[DOI-2025-002980](#)

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University of Connecticut

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To the FOIA Officer,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) for documents related to the award of D--Statistical Production Modernization Support for B contract. The contract was awarded under Notice ID :140D0423R0022 on Jun 13, 2023 by DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, and the contract number is 140D0423C0082.

Specifically, I request access to the following documents:

1. The full text of the winning proposal submitted for this contract, with minimal redactions to ensure the substance of the proposal is understandable and usable.

2. Copies of other shortlisted proposals (if applicable) that were evaluated during the selection process.

My request is made in the context of academic research, conducted in collaboration with universities, aimed at examining procurement processes and decision-making criteria in government contracts, particularly in the area of public infrastructure and operational services. The requested documents are essential for our research and will contribute to a better understanding of these processes.

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University of Connecticut

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to the FOIA Officer,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Dear FOIA Officer,

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) for documents related to the award of U--ROBOKIND Robots and Learning Packages for Turtle M contract. The contract was awarded under Notice ID : 140A2323Q0245 on Jun 07, 2023 by DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, and the contract number is 140A2323P0357.

Specifically, I request access to the following documents:

1. The full text of the winning proposal submitted for this contract, with minimal redactions to ensure the substance of the proposal is understandable and usable.

2. Copies of other shortlisted proposals (if applicable) that were evaluated during the selection process.

My request is made in the context of academic research, conducted in collaboration with universities, aimed at examining procurement processes and decision-making criteria in government contracts, particularly in the area of public infrastructure and operational services. The requested documents are essential for our research and will contribute to a better understanding of these processes.

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University of Connecticut

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I am requesting to see any correspondence between non-Native business interests or their representatives (e.g., companies such as corporations, LLCs, and/or partnerships; Chambers of Commerce; or attorneys or lobbyists who represent such companies or chambers of commerce) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. I am studying the role that these private business interests have played in the development and "practice" of federal Indian law and policy.

For correspondence concerning contracts with the Office, I would like to request a sample of one such contract every even-numbered year from 1970 through 2024 (or as close to the present as FOIA will allow).

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For correspondence that does NOT concern contracts with the Office, I would like to request all such correspondence from 1970 through 2024 (or as close to the present as FOIA will allow).

I can begin reviewing digitized items at any time. For correspondence that does not exist in digitized form, I would like to request access to the physical copies of those documents in May 2025 in Washington, DC. I plan to visit DC for two weeks in mid-May 2025.

Thank you for your help with this request!
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I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2024 to Jan. 1, 2025:

1. I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to your bureau/office. The logs should detail the correspondence's control number, the date it was received, what congressional office sent it and its subject. Please redact constituents' names and other personal information detailed in these logs in order to expedite this request.

2. I request all documents related to your bureau/office's employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest. These documents are maintained by federal agencies and are released to the public upon request under 18 U.S.C. 208.

3. I request all records concerning Freedom of Information Act request logs maintained by your bureau/office. The FOIA logs should detail the request's control number, the date it was received, who made the request, what company or organization they were from and the request's subject.

4. I request a list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by your bureau/office. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.

[DOI-2025-003144](#)

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This firm represents the Town of Southampton in a lawsuit filed in the New York Supreme Court of Suffolk County (Index No. 631610/2024) against the members of the Council of Trustees of the Shinnecock Indian Nation (the "Nation") in their official capacities. The enclosed January 2, 2025 letter was sent from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior (the "Department") to one of the named defendants in the litigation, Chairwoman of the Shinnecock Indian Nation Lisa Goree, in response to the Nation's request to change the land title status of the parcel known as "Westwoods," which is at issue in the litigation.□

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Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

The January 2 letter includes statements that the parcel "is within the Nation's aboriginal territory, that the Nation has resided within its aboriginal territory since time immemorial and has never removed therefrom, and that Westwoods is within the purview of the Nonintercourse Act and is therefore restricted against alienation absent consent of the United States."□

Documents Added

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 522 et seq., please forward to my attention any and all documents submitted to or otherwise considered by the Department in connection with its examination of the land title status of the Westwoods parcel. Please include a list of any documents removed and not furnished, with a brief description of the documents. I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2024 to Jan. 1, 2025:□

2. I request all documents related to your bureau/office's employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest. These documents are maintained by federal agencies and are released to the public upon request under 18 U.S.C. 208.□

[DOI-2025-003176](#)

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Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its own control number and response. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/1/2024 To 1/1/2025)

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I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2024 to Jan. 1, 2025: □

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3. I request all records concerning Freedom of Information Act request logs maintained by your bureau/office. The FOIA logs should detail the request's control number, the date it was received, who made the request, what company or organization they were from and the request's subject. □ Closed

Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its □

own control number and response. I request the following records from Dec. 1, 2024 to Jan. 1, 2025: □

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4. I request a list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by your bureau/office. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. □ Closed

Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its own control number and response. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/1/2024 To 1/1/2025)

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I request copies of all records pertaining to the Fee-to-Trust Application by the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians for acreage in the City of Vallejo, California, for gaming and other purposes.□

This Application was approved in an Indian Lands Determination and Record of Decision on January 10, 2025. I understand that the land in question was transferred into Federal trust on or around January 10, 2025.□

I am seeking all records in connection with this Fee-to-Trust Application, Indian Lands Determination, Indian Lands Opinion, and Record of Decision that were created, sent, or received between, and including, January 1, 2016, and January 20, 2025.□

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01/24/2025

Holch &
Erickson LLP

Documents Added

In using the term "records," I am referring to anything denoted by the use of that term in the Freedom of Information Act (including in its singular form). The term includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, emails, notices, facsimiles, charts, tables, presentations, orders, filings, and other writings, whether handwritten, typed, electronic, or otherwise reproduced or stored.□

This request seeks responsive records in the custody of the Department of the Interior during the time period noted above. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2016 To 01/20/2025)

All records of investigations concerning criminal accusations made by decertified genealogist (b) (6), alleging that I have committed fraud, identity theft, am an impostor, and not related to my own family. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2017 To 01/25/2025)

Closed

[DOI-2025-003263](#)

01/25/2025

01/27/2025 -

I am writing to request records under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I am requesting access to the agency's current policies on prior drug use as they relate to employment and eligibility for positions classified under the 1811 federal job series. More specifically, I would like to know how long since the last use of an illegal substance has allowed an applicant to be still considered for employment

Assigned

[DOI-2025-003340](#)

01/28/2025

01/29/2025

Saint Joseph's
University

Department of the Interior

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I am requesting all emails, letters, memoranda, reports, notes, text messages, or any other written or recorded document, physical or electronic from June 1, 2024 to January 14, 2025 with the phrase "Moab to Mojave" or "Moab to Mojave Conservation Corridor".

January 29, 2025:

Please accept the following clarification:

This request is intended for the following regions: Pacific, Western, and Navajo regions in addition to the White House Council on Native American Affairs and BIA Headquarters Division. Additionally, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, and the Director of BIA and those within that office as well.

Please respond if this is sufficiently narrow for processing.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 6/1/2024 To 1/14/2025)

Any Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs emails or other records with the keywords "sovereign tribal tax credit," "sovereign tribal federal income tax credit," "Native American tax credit," "White River Energy Corp.," and "Nepsis" between Nov. 1, 2023 and now. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2023 To 01/30/2025)

[DOI-2025-003401](#)

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State of Utah
Public Lands
Office

Assigned

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Bloomberg
Industry
Group

Assigned

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