

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Office of Construction & Facilities Management Washington DC 20420

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Mr. Robert A. Hirsch Director of Legal & Regulatory Affairs Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. 4250 North Fairfax Drive, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 6, 2009, which I received on April 1, 2009. You request the following information:

- "All documents dated from February 2001 to the present relating or referring to any labor disputes that have delayed completion of federal construction project costing \$25 million or more during the time period reference above.
- All documents dated from February 2001 to the present relating or referring to any difficulties asserted by contractors in predicting labor costs and/or interruptions in the supply of labor that have occurred on federal construction contracts costing \$25 million or more during the time period referenced above.
- All documents dated from February 2001 to the present relating or referring to any lack of coordination among employers on federal construction projects costing \$25 million or more, which has threatened the efficient or timely completion of such projects during the time period referenced above.
- All documents dated from February 2001 to the present relating or referring to any uncertainty about the terms and conditions of employment of various groups of workers, which has threatened the efficient or timely completion of federal construction projects costing \$25 million or more during the time period referenced above.
- All documents dated from February 2001 to the present relating or referring to any frictions or disputes regarding coordination among contractors and/or terms and conditions of employment, resulting from the absence of an agreed upon resolution mechanism that have threatened the efficient and timely completion of federal construction projects costing \$25 million during the time period reference above."

## Mr. Robert A. Hirsch

The FOIA log number assigned to your request is 09-00021-F. You can reach me at (202) 461-8009 if you have any questions concerning your FOIA request.

We began searching for records responsive to your FOIA request on April 1, 2009. Records that VA may have created or gathered on this subject after this cut-off date are not considered to be within the scope of your FOIA request.

We were not able to locate any records in response to your request.

This request was processed by the undersigned. You may appeal the determinations made in this response to:

General Counsel (024) Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20420

If you should choose to file an appeal, please submit it within 60 days from the date of this letter, include a copy of this letter with your appeal and clearly indicate why you disagree with each determination you choose to appeal.

Sincerely,

Lynn Buell FOIA Officer