



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

Office of the Chief Privacy Officer

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Michael Stratford
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RE: FOIA Request No. 18-01567-F

Dear Mr. Stratford:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated April 11, 2018 and received in this office on April 17, 2018. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request: the Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE).

You requested the following:

- A copy of the 2018 staff report produced by the Accreditation Group on the petition for initial recognition submitted by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools in December 2017. It's my understanding that this 2018 staff report has already been sent by the U.S. Department of Education to the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

The Department of Education (Department) has determined that the Draft Staff Analysis sent to ACICS on March 13, 2018 will be released to you in full. The responsive records themselves will be made available promptly. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(C)(i).

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of an "all other use requester." However, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge since you have been granted a fee waiver. This does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department.

You have the right to seek further assistance from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Robert Wehausen. The Department's FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by e-mail at robert.wehausen@ed.gov; by phone at 202-205-0733; by fax at 202-401-0920; or by mail at Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 2W218-58, Washington, DC 20202-4536, Attn: FOIA Public Liaison.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center at (202) 401-8365 or via e-mail at EDFOIAManager@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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