



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. George T. Willingmyre, P.E.
President
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request CRRIF 03-321

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated, June 3, 2003, requesting copies of correspondence from the Office of the Solicitor General of the Department of Justice to the US Department of Commerce (which would have originated sometime after December 2, 2002) requesting input for the position of the Solicitor General to provide the US Supreme Court in the consideration of the case Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. Petitioner v Peter Veeck, D/B/A/ Regional Web and a copy of a reply to the Solicitor General.

After an extensive search for responsive documents, the responsive documents that were located are being withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552, (b)(5), which protects inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The privileges which apply are the deliberative process privilege, the attorney-client privilege and the attorney-work product privilege.

You have a right to appeal this final response to your FOIA request. An appeal must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should be addressed to the Assistant General Counsel for Administration, Room 5875, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Any appeal should include a copy of the original request, this response, and a statement of the reasons why you believe this response is in error. Both the appeal letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbie Parsons".

Bobbie Parsons
FOIA Officer
Immediate Office of the Secretary