



FOIA REPORT CARD

FY 2014

AGENCY	SCORE	GRADE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE(USDA)	3.6	C
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE(DOC)	3.4	B
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE(DOD)	3.9	C
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION(ED)	NO REPORT	F
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY(DOE)	7.8	D
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES(HHS)	4.1	C
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY(DHS)	NO REPORT	F
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(HUD)	4.0	C
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR(DOI)	1.5	A
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE(DOJ)	6.1	D
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR(DOL)	2.3	B
DEPARTMENT OF STATE(STATE)	22.3	D
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION(DOT)	3.7	C
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	NO REPORT	F
DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS(VA)	2.0	A

Conference Time

We need to Meet :(

See ME!!!



EXPLANATION OF METHODOLOGY

THE GRADING THE GOVERNMENT: 2015 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT CARD REFLECTS GRADES GIVEN TO ALL 15 CABINET-LEVEL FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR THEIR AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN FY 2014 TO REQUESTS SUBMITTED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ("FOIA"). THE DATA WAS GATHERED FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY EACH AGENCY, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

IN CALCULATING THE "SCORE", CAUSE OF ACTION ASSIGNED TWO NUMBERS TO EACH AGENCY THAT SUBMITTED AN ANNUAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 13, 2015: (1) THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FOR SIMPLE FOIA REQUESTS/20; AND (2) THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FOR COMPLEX FOIA REQUESTS/30. (CAUSE OF ACTION USED "20" AND "30" AS DENOMINATORS IN THESE CALCULATIONS BASED ON FOIA'S REQUIREMENT THAT AGENCIES RESPOND TO FOIA REQUESTS WITHIN 20 DAYS, OR 30 DAYS FOR "UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES".) THE SUM OF (1) AND (2) IS LISTED IN THE COLUMN LABELED "SCORE."

IN ASSIGNING THE "GRADE", ANY AGENCY THAT COMPLIED WITH FOIA (I.E., THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FOR SIMPLE REQUESTS WAS 20 DAYS OR LESS, AND THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FOR COMPLEX REQUESTS WAS 30 DAYS OR LESS - SO THE "SCORE" WOULD BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN "2") RECEIVED AN "A", AND ANY AGENCY THAT DID NOT SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT RECEIVED AN "F". CAUSE OF ACTION THEN CALCULATED THE MEAN (5.4) AND STANDARD DEVIATION (5.4) FOR SCORES GIVEN TO ALL AGENCIES THAT SUBMITTED AN ANNUAL REPORT. IN ORDER TO NORMALIZE THE DISTRIBUTION, CAUSE OF ACTION ASSIGNED LETTER GRADES OF "B", "C" AND "D" TO SCORES THAT WERE WITHIN .25 OF THE STANDARD DEVIATION OF AN "A", SO THAT THE GRADES WERE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

SCORE ≤ 2.0	A
SCORE = 2.1 - 3.5	B
SCORE = 3.6 - 5.0	C
SCORE ≥ 5.1	D
NO SUBMISSION	F