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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request (Ref. # FO-11-2396)

I am writing in response to your request, dated April 28, 2011, in which you asked the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) for a copy of the agency's Open Government Plan. Your request has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. A search identified two responsive pages, which are enclosed.

In closing, you have the right to appeal this decision under the FOIA. Any such appeal must be made in writing and sent to OSC's Office of General Counsel at the address shown at the top of this letter. An appeal must be received by the Office of General Counsel within 45 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Christopher Kurt  
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Office of General Counsel

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## OPEN GOVERNMENT

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued an Open Government Directive requiring Federal agencies to take specific actions to implement the principles of transparency, participation and collaboration set forth by the President in his first executive action.

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is committed to the goals of transparency, participation and collaboration for the American population. This webpage is a part of OSC's response to that directive, where we will detail our work in responding to the Open Government Directive. We will provide easy access to the many ways in which OSC is already operating in an open, transparent way. Finally, we will provide tools for you to talk to us about the information we're providing and the work we're doing. The Open Government Directive requires each agency to develop an Open Government Plan that states how the agency will incorporate the principles of transparency, participation and collaboration into its core mission objectives.

The information below constitutes OSC's Open Government Plan, as required by the OpenGov directive.

### INFORMATION AND DATA

OSC data sets (also available at [data.gov](http://data.gov)) A listing of our high-value data sets in an open format that is platform independent, machine-readable, and free of restrictions on its use. OSC has published several such data sets through Data.gov, and will continue to add to the collection. The initial data sets consist of:

Item	Description
Training Information	Listing of Training attended by my OSC employees on an annual basis
Printing information	Listing of materials printed by OSC on an annual basis
Employee information	Count of OSC employees (FTE's) on a monthly basis

### OSC PUBLIC INTERACTION AND OUTREACH

OSC offers training to federal agencies and non-federal organizations in the various areas within OSC's jurisdiction. Specifically, OSC offers training on (1) prohibited personnel practices, including reprisal for whistleblowing; (2) whistleblower disclosures filed with OSC's Disclosure Unit; (3) the Hatch Act and its application both to federal employees and to state and local employees; and (4) the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). For information on how to request an OSC Speaker please click on link. Additionally, OSC publishes a variety of materials on prohibited personnel practices, whistleblower disclosures and the Hatch Act.

### Feedback and Input

We'd like your feedback on the quality of our published information, and what information you think we should prioritize for future publication. We'd also like to hear your thoughts on our Open Government Plan. [opengov@osc.gov](mailto:opengov@osc.gov)

### OTHER INFORMATION AND DATA

OSC has Annual Reports posted on its website containing a wide variety of useful information that date back to 1979. Examples are:

- OSC's Annual FOIA Report
- OSC's Annual Report - Contains Operational Data
- OSC's Annual Performance and Accountability Report
- Public Disclosures Files
- OSC's Organizational Chart
- Open Government Plan

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