FOIA Module

FOIA receipt processing and repository module (a public web portal) that:

- Assigns and processes FOIA requests electronically
- Calculates and tracks fees
- Captures and posts content from FOIA responses making it publicly available for search and reuse
- Calculates and reports metrics to support annual reporting requirements to the Department of Justice (DoJ)

Improved Functionality

For the Public

- Submit FOIA requests to fewer government websites
- Track status
- Search and review public requests and agency responses

For Agencies

- Store FOIA requests and responses in repository for reuse
- Generate reports
- Electronic record keeping system

Benefits

- GREATER INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY
- CREATE EFFICIENCIES AND CONSISTENCY IN RESPONDING TO REQUEST
- TRANSFER, REFERRALS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER AGENCIES
- POTENTIALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INCOMING

Milestones

- Core Requirements Validation – Completed 10/28/11
- Functional Design – Targeted for 11/15
- System Development – Targeted for Q1 thru Q3 of FY12
- Market Across Government – Targeted to begin in Q1FY12
- Release to Agencies – Planned on 10/1/12

How it Will be Accomplished

- Re-use existing infrastructure *(saving money, accelerating delivery; experience)*
- Public portal: public can submit & track requests; search & view any response
- On-line access to assign and process requests, post responses, store responsive records, and provide annual DOJ reporting requirements
- Partner with other agencies via MOAs to develop and operate multi-agency governance & usage-fee funding model

Founding Partners

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (managing partner)
- Department of Commerce (DoC): Joey Hutcherson (DoC)
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) : Miriam Nisbet (NARA)

- Program Management Office (PMO) role served by EPA, Several agencies participating in requirements validation

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