

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**FOIA Improvement Plan Report**  
**January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007**

**XII. REPORT ON FOIA EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTATION:**

A. Description of supplementation/modification of agency improvement plan (if applicable).

B. Report on agency implementation of its plan, including its performance in meeting milestones, with respect to each improvement area.

Rural Development had two remaining goals and milestones to achieve for fiscal year 2007.

The backlog reduction/elimination goal was to reduce the number of days requests are pending. The FOIA unit implemented a new procedure to follow up with agency program specialists when responsive documents were not furnished in a timely manner. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, the median number of days a request was pending decreased by three. This was completed timely on December 9, 2007.

The politeness/courtesy goal was to reduce the number of complaints from requesters by investigating their causes. Rural Development received no complaints. This was completed timely on January 31, 2007.

C. Identification and discussion of any deficiency in meeting plan milestones (if applicable).

Not applicable.

D. Additional narrative statement regarding other executive order-related activities (optional).

Not applicable.

E. Concise descriptions of FOIA exemptions.

See Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2007 FOIA Annual Report.

F. Additional statistics:

1. Ten Oldest Pending FOIA Requests

Calendar Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Requests								July 25 Sept 5 Sept 14 Sept 17 Sept 20 Sept 27 Sept 27 Oct 5 Oct 15 Oct 15

2. Consultations

A. Number of Consultations Received, Processed, and Pending

Consultation Received from Other Agencies During FY07	Consultations Received from Other Agencies That Were Processed by your Agency During FY07 (includes those received prior to FY07)	Consultation Received from Other Agencies at Your Agency as of October 1, 2007 (includes those received prior to FY07)
0	0	0

B. Ten Oldest Pending Consultations Received From Other Agencies

Calendar Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Consults Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Attachment: Agency improvement plan (in current form).