



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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Ms. Ginger McCall
EPIC Open Government Counsel
Electronic Privacy Information Center
1718 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. McCall:

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2011-8529

This letter responds to your August 5, 2011 FOIA request, seeking copies of all Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, or state and local law enforcement agencies applications for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization to operate unmanned aircraft systems, including those approved, denied, deferred, and pending since 2005; and all associated applications for U.S. airworthiness certificates (Form 8130-6) and associated special airworthiness certificates (Form 8130-7).

A records search was conducted in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Office, AFS-80. This office located records from 2007 to the present, however data is not carried since 2005. Hence, your request has been classified as "partial no records." Also Government agencies that operate unmanned aircraft under a Certificate of Authorization or Waiver do not submit applications for U.S. airworthiness certificates to the FAA nor do they receive FAA airworthiness certificates. Enclosed are 5 pages of records responsive to your request and the corresponding records will be post to <http://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/uas/>.

If you owe fees for the processing of this request, an invoice containing the amount due and payment instructions will be enclosed.

The undersigned is/are responsible for the "partial no records" classification as determined by the UAS Integration Office, AFS-80. Should you consider this partial no records response a denial of your request, you may request reconsideration of this determination by writing to the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20591. Your request must be made in writing within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must also state that it is an appeal from the above-described denial of a request made under the FOIA. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA."

Sincerely,

John S. Duncan
Director
Flight Standards Service, AFS-1