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PART 2411—AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended and OPEN Government Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-175, 121 Stat. 2524; E.O. 13392 (Dec. 14, 2005); and E.O. 12600 (June 23, 1987).

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§ 2411.1 Purpose.

This part contains the regulations of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (Authority), the General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (General Counsel), the Federal Service Impasses Panel (Panel) and the Inspector General of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (IG) providing for public access to information from the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel or the IG. These regulations implement the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552, and the policy of the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and the IG to disseminate information on matters of interest to the public and to disclose to members of the public on request such information contained in records insofar as is compatible with the discharge of their responsibilities, consistent with applicable law.

§ 2411.2 Scope.

(a) For the purpose of this part, the term record and any other term used in

reference to information includes any information that would be subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552 when maintained by the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel or the IG in any format including an electronic format. All written requests for information from the public that are not processed under part 2412 of this chapter will be processed under this part. The Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and the IG may continue, regardless of this part, to furnish the public with the information it has furnished in the regular course of performing its official duties, unless furnishing the information would violate the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, or another law.

(b) When the subject of a record, or the subject's representative, requests the record from a Privacy Act system of records, as that term is defined by 5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(5), and the Authority retrieves the record by the subject's name or other personal identifier, the Authority will handle the request under the procedures and subject to the fees set out in part 2412. When a third party requests access to those records, without the written consent of the subject of the record, the Authority will process the request under this part.

(c) Nothing in 5 U.S.C. 552 or this part requires that the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel or the IG, as appropriate, create a new record in order to respond to a request for the records.

§ 2411.3 Delegation of authority.

(a) *Chief FOIA Officer.* The Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority designates the Chief FOIA Officer who has agency-wide responsibility for the efficient and appropriate compliance with the FOIA. The Chief FOIA Officer monitors the implementation of the FOIA throughout the agency.

(b) *Authority/General Counsel/Panel/IG.* Regional Directors of the Authority, the Freedom of Information Officer of the Office of the General Counsel,

Washington, DC, the Solicitor of the Authority, the Executive Director of the Panel and the IG are delegated the exclusive authority to act upon all requests for information, documents and records which are received from any person or organization under § 2411.5(a) and (b).

(c) *FOIA Public Liaison(s)*. The Chief FOIA Officer shall designate the FOIA Public Liaison(s), who shall serve as the supervisory official(s) to whom a FOIA requester can raise concerns about the service the FOIA requester has received following an initial response.

§ 2411.4 Information policy.

(a) *Authority/General Counsel/Panel/IG*. (1) It is the policy of the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and IG to make available for public inspection and copying (unless they are published and copies are offered for sale):

(i) Final decisions and orders of the Authority and administrative rulings of the General Counsel; and procedural determinations, final decisions and orders of the Panel; and factfinding and arbitration reports; and reports and executive summaries of the IG;

(ii) Statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel or the IG and are not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER;

(iii) Administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public (except those establishing internal operating rules, guidelines, and procedures for the investigation, trial, and settlement of cases);

(iv) Copies of all records, regardless of form or format, which have been released to any person under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3) and which, because of the nature of their subject matter, the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel or the IG determines have become or are likely to become the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records; and

(v) A general index of the records referred to in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section.

(2) It is the policy of the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and the IG to make promptly available for pub-

lic inspection and copying, upon request by any person, other records where the request reasonably describes such records and otherwise conforms to the procedures of this part.

(b) *Records availability*. (1) Any person may examine and copy items in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section, at each regional office of the Authority and at the offices of the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and the IG, respectively, in Washington, DC, under conditions prescribed by the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and the IG, respectively, and at reasonable times during normal working hours so long as it does not interfere with the efficient operations of the Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and the IG. To the extent required to prevent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, identifying details may be deleted and, in each case, the justification for the deletion shall be fully explained in writing. On the released portion of the record, the amount of information deleted, and the exemption under which the deletion is made, shall be indicated unless an interest protected by the exemption would be harmed.

(2) All records covered by this section are available through the Internet/World Wide-Web site (http://www.flra.gov/foia/reading_room.html). The Web site containing these records may also be accessed from a computer terminal located in the library at FLRA headquarters at 1400 K Street, NW., Washington, DC. Requests to use this terminal to access the FLRA's electronic Reading Room should be submitted to the FLRA's Office of the Solicitor (mail: Office of the Solicitor, FLRA, 1400 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20424; telephone: 202-218-7770; e-mail: solmail@flra.gov); or from computer terminals located in the FLRA regional offices. A listing of these offices, including appropriate information for requesting the use of the terminal, is provided at <http://www.flra.gov/foia/contacts.html>.

(c) The Authority, the General Counsel, the Panel and the IG shall maintain and make available for public inspection and copying the current indexes and supplements to the records which are required by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2)