

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DD FORM 2086

This form is used to record costs associated with the processing of a Freedom of Information request.

1. **REQUEST NUMBER** - First two digits will express Calendar Year followed by dash (-) and Component's request number, i.e., 97-001.

2. **TYPE OF REQUEST** - Mark the appropriate block to indicate initial request or appeal of a denial.

3. **DATE COMPLETED** - Enter year, month and day, i.e., 19970621.

4. **CLERICAL HOURS** - For each applicable activity category, enter time expended to the nearest 15 minutes in the total hours column. The activity categories are:

**Search** - Time spent in locating from the files the requested information.

**Review/Excising** - Time spent in reviewing the document content and determining if the entire document must retain its classification or segments could be excised thereby permitting the remainder of the document to be declassified. In reviews for other than classification, FOI exemptions 2 through 9 should be considered.

**Correspondence and Forms Preparation** - Time spent in preparing the necessary correspondence and forms to answer the request.

**Other Activity** - Time spent in activity other than above, such as duplicating documents, hand carrying documents to other locations, restoring files, etc.

- Multiply the time in the total hours column of each category by the hourly rate and enter the cost figures for each category.

5. **PROFESSIONAL HOURS** - For each applicable activity category, enter time expended to the nearest 15 minutes in the total hours column. The activity categories are:

**Search/Review/Excising, and Other Activity** - See explanation above.

**Coordination/Approval/Denial** - Time spent coordinating the staff action with interested offices or agencies and obtaining the approval for the release or denial of the requested information.

- Multiply the time in the total hours column of each category by the hourly rate and enter the cost figures for each category.

6. **EXECUTIVE HOURS** - For each applicable activity category, enter the time expended to the nearest 15 minutes in the total hours column. The activity categories are:

**Search/Review/Excising** - See explanation above.

**Coordination/Approval/Denial** - See explanation above.

- Multiply the time in the total hours column of each category by the hourly rate and enter the cost figures for each category.

7. **COMPUTER SEARCH** - When the amount of government-owned (not leased) computer processing machine time required to complete a search is known, and accurate cost information for operation on an hourly basis is available, enter the time used and the hourly rate. Then, calculate the total cost which is fully chargeable to the requester.

- Programmer and operator costs are calculated using the same method as in Items 4 and 5. This cost is also fully chargeable to requesters as computer search time.

8. **OFFICE COPY REPRODUCTION** - Enter the number of pages reproduced.

- Multiply by the rate per copy and enter cost figures.

9. **MICROFICHE REPRODUCTION** - Enter the number of microfiche copies reproduced.

- Multiply by the rate per copy and enter cost figures.

10. **PRINTED RECORDS** - Enter total pages in each category. The categories are:

**Forms** (Include any type of printed forms)

**Publications** (Include any type of bound document, such as directives, regulations, studies, etc.)

**Reports** (Include any type of memorandum, staff action paper, etc.)

- Multiply the total number of pages in each category by the rate per page and enter cost figures.

11. **COMPUTER COPY** - Enter the total number of tapes and/or printouts.

- Multiply by the actual cost per tape or printout and enter cost figures.

12. **AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS** - Duplication cost is the actual cost of reproducing the material, including the wages of the person doing the work.

13. **FOR FOI OFFICE USE ONLY** -

**Search Fees Paid** - Enter total search fees paid by the requester.

**Review Fees Paid** - Enter total review fees paid by the requester.

**Copy Fees Paid** - Enter the total of copy fees paid by the requester.

**Total Paid** - Add search fees paid and copy fees paid. Enter total in the total paid block.

**Date Paid** - Enter year, month, and day, i.e., 19971024, the fee payment was received.

**Total Collectable Costs** - Add the blocks in the cost column and enter total in the total collectable cost block. Apply the appropriate waiver for the category of requester prior to inserting the final figure. Further discussion of chargeable fees is contained in Chapter VI of DoD Regulation 5400.7-R.

**Total Processing Costs** - Add all blocks in the cost column and enter total in the total processing cost block. The total processing cost in most cases will exceed the total collectable cost.

**Total Charged** - Enter the total amount that the requester was charged, taking into account the fee waiver threshold and fee waiver policy.

**Fees Waived/Reduced** - Indicate if the cost of processing the request was waived or reduced by placing an "X" in the "Yes" block or the "No" block.

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