



December 20, 2013

Ms. Nichole Cadiente
Administrative Counsel
Overseas Private Investment Corporation
1100 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20527
via Regulations.gov

Re: Freedom of Information (78 F.R. 72843)
Docket no. FOIA-2013, RIN 3420-ZA00

Dear Ms. Cadiente,

The Center for Effective Government welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Overseas Private Investment Corporation's (OPIC) proposed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations.

Up-to-date FOIA regulations that support transparency are important to the effective functioning of the FOIA system. Based on our study of agency FOIA regulations and input from FOIA requesters, on Dec. 9 the Center for Effective Government published a new report, entitled *Best Practices for Agency Freedom of Information Act Regulations*. This report is designed to be a practical guide for agencies engaged in improving FOIA regulations and practices.

The report, which may be downloaded free of charge from our website, is located at:
<http://www.foreffectivegov.org/foia-best-practices-guide>

We encourage OPIC to review the report's recommendations and consider adopting any applicable recommendations when revising the proposed regulations.

The Center for Effective Government appreciates the opportunity to comment on OPIC's proposed FOIA regulations. We hope you take our recommendations into consideration. If you have questions about our comments or want to discuss the issues further, please feel free to contact us.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gavin R. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gavin R. Baker

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