

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 3-17-1014

Food and Drug Administration
Division of Freedom of Information
Office of the Executive Secretariat, OC
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The Food and Drug Administration has pirated our copyrighted research, patent and trade secrets to plagiarize and duplicate our suite of computer driven software tools designed to enhance food safety and food defense.

On March 25, 2009, FoodQuestTQ at the request of the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Nutrition (JIFSAN) prepared and submitted to Dr. Robert Buchanan a detailed proposal for a joint Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiative to build a new and revolutionary suite of computer-drive software tools for the food industry. This proposal was marked and clearly identified as containing Thoughtquest LLC (now to FoodQuestTQ LLC) business confidential information within the meaning of Title 18, U.S.C.

FoodQuestTQ LLC intellectual property contained in this proposal was pirated by the Food and Drug Administration to develop the following computer driven software tools that duplicate products that were already commercially available from FoodQuestTQ LLC.

1. National Food Protection Plan
2. Food Defense Plan Builder
3. iRisk
4. Food Defense Mitigation Strategies Database
5. FREE-B

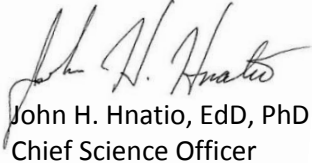
We request the following information regarding Dr. Buchanan and his relationship with and within the Food and Drug Administration: 1) records of employment with the Food and Drug Administration including grade (or SES level) showing dates and titles; 2) records of employment as a consultant or contracted agent of the US government following his retirement from government service; 3) evidence of yearly government ethics training for the period of 2005 through the time of his retirement; 4) evidence of mandatory recusal from work in a similar area as required by the Office of Government Ethics guidelines, and; 5) records that show any current consultancy or advisorship to the Food and Drug Administration.

We request expedited processing since the results of this request may indicate the existence of gross fraud waste and abuse in the Food and Drug Administration. The existence of gross fraud waste and abuse involving employees responsible for the safety and security of the U.S. food supply represents a real and imminent threat to the safety of the U.S. public.

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We also request that fees for providing the above information be waived based on the requestor's status as a free-lance journalist who intends to broadly publish the results of this Freedom of Information Act request.

Sincerely,



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Chief Science Officer

cc: Dan Levinson, OIG-HHS