

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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Rockville, MD 20857



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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.

From December 2011 through April of 2013, FoodQuestTQ LLC had a business agreement with Leavitt Partners. Following a special interview by the FDA Dr. Acheson immediately terminated any relationship with FoodQuestTQ LLC. Leavitt Partners (now the Acheson Group) were privy to proprietary FoodQuestTQ intellectual property that appears in the suite of FoodQuestTQ computer software tools that were duplicated by the Food and Drug Administration and their contracted agents.

We request the following information regarding Dr. Acheson 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Hnatio".

John H. Hnatio, EdD, PhD  
Chief Science Officer

cc: Dan Levinson, OIG-HHS