



**Case No. 2021-00117-FOIA-OS**

**November 04, 2020**

***Sent via email:***

Austin Evers  
Executive Director  
American Oversight  
[foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the final response to your October 15, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you requested the following records:

“Any interim assessments, reports, or projections provided by or on behalf of Advanced Technology International, Inc. (ATI), or any of ATI’s sub- contractors or -grantees listed below, regarding the development and future distribution and administration of any COVID-19 vaccines or therapeutics. Date Range for Record Search: From 6/1/2020 To 10/15/2020.”

A representative from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) conducted a search and reports there are no records responsive to your request. The requested records are believed to be in possession of the U.S. Department of Defense, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense (JPEO-CBRND).

While we believe an adequate search of the appropriate files was conducted for the records requested, you have the right to appeal this finding that no responsive records exist within ASPR. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency’s decision.

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter, to:

Mr. Mark Weber  
Acting Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
Room 729H  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” You may also e-mail your appeal to: [HHS.ACFO@hhs.gov](mailto:HHS.ACFO@hhs.gov).

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

HHS FOIA/PA Public Liaison  
FOI/Privacy Acts Division  
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (ASPA)  
Office of the Secretary (OS)  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 729H  
Washington, DC 20201

Telephone: (202) 690-7453  
Fax: (202) 690-8320  
E-mail: [HHS\\_FOIA\\_Public\\_Liaison@hhs.gov](mailto:HHS_FOIA_Public_Liaison@hhs.gov)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Fax: 202-741-5769

There are no charges in this instance because the billable costs are less than our threshold of \$25.

Sincerely yours,

*Natasha R. J. Gaylord*  
FOR

Brandon J. Gaylord  
Director  
FOI/Privacy Acts Division