



**U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Prisons**

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320 First St., NW  
Washington, DC 20534*

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Abigail Moats  
National Student Legal Defense Network  
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Washington, DC 20005

Request Number: 2021-05401

Dear Abigail Moats:

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you requested a list of all colleges, universities and postsecondary institutions that offer educational programs to inmates in BOP facilities, including but not limited to, entities that provide GED preparation, English-as-a-Second Language, Adult Continuing Education, and Correspondence Education.

In a letter dated July 30, 2021, Maya Weinstein, the previous contact for this request, clarified the request to include colleges, universities and postsecondary institutions that have Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOAs) with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), as well as "informal agreements with BOP institutions, whether those agreements were made via email or otherwise, which may require a search of communications."

In response to your request for a list of all colleges, universities and postsecondary institutions that have a MOU, MOA, or contract with the BOP, staff located 6 pages of responsive records, which were forwarded to this office for a release determination. After careful review, we determined all pages are appropriate for release in full.

In response to your request for a list of informal agreements, staff located 2 pages of responsive records regarding informal agreements with the BOP, which were forwarded to this office for a release determination. After careful review, we determined 2 pages are appropriate for release in part. Copies of released records are attached. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, records were redacted under the following exemptions: (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). An explanation of FOIA exemptions is attached.

Your request for a list of informal agreements made via email or otherwise would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to conduct an unreasonably burdensome search. The BOP does not have a MOU or MOA with every college, university, or postsecondary institution providing educational courses to inmates in the custody of the BOP. Inmates may also enroll themselves in individual courses from other schools or organizations outside of those under a formal agreement with the BOP via correspondence. In order for this Office to respond to this portion of your request, we would have to individually search the Inmate Management System

(SENTRY) and inmate central files of over 155,000 inmates across 122 institutions, and spend thousands of hours searching and pulling files, in order to retrieve the information you seek.

Additionally, SENTRY and inmate central files are privacy protected systems of records. To the extent non-public responsive records exist, without consent, proof of death, or an overriding public interest, disclosure of records would invade another individual's personal privacy. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). To the extent non-public responsive records exist, without consent, proof of death, or an overriding public interest, disclosure of law enforcement records concerning an individual could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). Because any non-public records responsive to your request would be categorically exempt from disclosure, this Office is not required to conduct a search for the requested records.

As such, we are administratively closing this portion of your request. If you would like to reformulate this portion of your request and make it less burdensome, you may submit your new request to our office for review and processing. If you would like to discuss how to make this portion of your request less burdensome, please feel free to contact the undersigned, this office, or the Federal Bureau of Prisons' (BOP) FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Eugene E. Baime at 202-616-7750, 320 First Street NW, Suite 936, Washington DC 20534, or [ogc\\_efoia@bop.gov](mailto:ogc_efoia@bop.gov).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. 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; [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); 202-741-5770 (phone); 1-877-684-6448 (toll free); or 202-741-5769 (fax).

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

*L. Stokes*

L. Stokes, for  
Eugene E. Baime, Supervisory Attorney

## **Explanation of FOIA Exemptions Used by the Federal Bureau of Prisons**

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1)** protects classified information.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2)** concerns matters related solely to internal agency personnel rules or practices.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3)** concerns matters specifically exempted from release by statute.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)** concerns trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)** concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and/or the attorney-client privilege.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)** concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A)** concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(B)** concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C)** concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D)** concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identities of confidential sources and information furnished by such sources.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E)** concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(F)** concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or personal safety of an individual.

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(8)** concerns matters that are "contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions."

**5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(9)** concerns geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

## Colleges/Universities Utilized and Tracked By Central Office

### **Pell Pilot Programs**

1. St. Francis College
2. Williamsburg Technical College
3. Georgetown University
4. Glenville State College
5. Jackson College
6. North Country Community College
7. Lamar State College
8. Holmes Community College
9. Northeastern Technical College

### **Women's College Programs**

1. Blinn College
2. Las Positas College
3. Minnesota State University

## SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE

<b>SCRO Institution</b>	<b>College Partners</b>
<i>BAS</i>	Austin Community College
<i>BMA</i>	Lamar Port Arthur College
<i>BIG</i>	Howard Community College
<i>BRY</i>	Blinn College
<i>CRW</i>	NONE
<i>ERE</i>	NONE
<i>FOR</i>	Have in the past, but not currently. EACC East Arkansas Community College in the past
<i>FTW</i>	NONE
<i>HOU</i>	NONE
<i>LAT</i>	Coastline College El Paso Community College
<i>OAK</i>	SOWELA Technical Community College
<i>FTC</i>	NONE
<i>POL</i>	Central Louisiana Community College
<i>SEA</i>	Dallas College
<i>TEX</i>	Texarkana College
<i>TRV</i>	Coastal Bend College Alamo Community College

ACT (American College Testing)

Arapahoe Community College

Bellissimo Coffee Advisors

Century College

Century College in White Bear Lake, MN

Fox Valley Technical College

Highland Community College, Freeport, IL

ISSA

Ivy Tech Community College, Terre Haute, IN 47802

Jackson College; Jackson, Michigan

John A. Logan College

Kaskaskia College, Centerville, IL

Lake Superior College

Malcolm X College

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Mount Marty University

National Restaurant Association

Northwood Technical College (Formerly Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College)

Pueblo Community College

Regional Technical Education Center, Yankton

Saint Paul College

University of Illinois Extension Center, Champaign, IL

## Schools and Universities

USP ATL – Georgia State University, GA

FCI BEN – Northeastern Technical College, SC

FCI EDG – Piedmont College, South Carolina Adult Continuing Education Program

FCI JES – Coastal Pines Technical College, GA

FPC PEN – Pensacola State College, FL

FCI WIL - Williamsburg Technical College, SC

FCC YAZ – Holmes Community College & Delta Technical School, MS

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Type of Program</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Funding</b>
FCI Dublin	Continuing Education	Las Posias College	Contract
FCC Lompoc	Continuing Education	Hancock College	Contracte
FCI Phoenix	Continuing Education	Paradise Valley Community College	Contract
FCI Safford	Continuing Education	East Arizona Community College	Contract
FCC Tucson	Continuing Education	Pima College	Contract
FCI Terminal Island	Continuing Education	El Camino Community College	Contract
FCC Victorville	Continuing Education	Victor Valley College	Contract
FCC Victorville	Continuing Education	UCLA	MOU



## Mid-Atlantic

Type of Requested information—"a list of the names of the colleges, universities, and other postsecondary institutions or schools that BOP institutions have MOUs or MOAs or formal agreements with to provide education programs to inmates."

### **PELL Pilot Programs**

- Georgetown University
- Glenville State College

### **Advanced Occupational Educational Program (AOE) Contracts**

- New River Community and Technical College
- Vance Granville Community College
- Pierpont Community and Technical College
- Somerset Community College
- Southwest Tennessee Community College

### **MOU**

- North Carolina State Extension Services through North Carolina State University

### **Contract**

- Contractor that instructs Cosmetology that maintains a current certification as an instructor issued by the WV State Boards of Barbers and Cosmetologists

### **NCCER-National Center for Construction Education and Research**

From their website-[About Us \(nccer.org\)](http://www.nccer.org)

*NCCER is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) education foundation created in 1996 as The National Center for Construction Education and Research. It was developed with the support of more than 125 construction CEOs and various association and academic leaders who united to revolutionize training for the construction industry. Sharing the common goal of developing a safe and productive workforce, these companies created a standardized training and credentialing program for the industry. This progressive program has evolved into curricula for more than 70 craft areas and a complete series of more than 70 assessments offered in over 6,000 NCCER-accredited training and assessment locations across the United States.*

*NCCER develops standardized construction and maintenance curriculum and assessments with portable credentials. These credentials are tracked through NCCER's Registry System that allows organizations and companies to track the qualifications of their craft professionals and/or check the qualifications of possible new hires. NCCER's Registry System also assists craft professionals by maintaining their records in a secure database.*

*NCCER's workforce development process of accreditation, instructor certification, standardized curriculum, registry, assessment and certification is a key component in the industry's workforce development efforts. NCCER also drives multiple initiatives to enhance career development and recruitment efforts for the industry, primarily through its Build Your Future initiative.*

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

**Re: FOIA 2021-05401**

**From:** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
**Date:** 8/22/2021 11:39 AM  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA 2021-05401

These are the institutions that reported inmates obtaining post-secondary education from the list of schools below. No MOU's established.

Thanks,

FTD: Mercer County Community/ Princeton University

LEW:

Adams State University
American Graduate University
American Institute of Applied Science
Art Instruction Schools
Ashworth College
Atlantic University
Blackstone Career Institute
California Coast University
Catholic Distance University
Diamond Council of America
Gemological Institute of America
Griggs University
Hadley School for the Blind
Hypnosis Motivation Institute
Institute of Logistical Management
National Tax Training School
Ohio University
Stratford Career Institute

Ray Brook: North Country Community College

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Schuykill: Blackstone/Stratford/ Upper Iowa University/ Adam State  
Danbury: Lincoln Technical Institution  
NY: PACE University/ The New School

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Hello,

Just following up on this FOIA request. Can you please provide a list of any colleges, universities, and other postsecondary institutions with formal or informal agreements to provide education programs to inmates in your region? Please respond in five business days.

Thank you,

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(b)(7)(C)

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Hello,

I am one of the new attorneys in the FOIA/Privacy Branch, Office of General Counsel. I am working on a FOIA request for the following information:

"a list of the names of the colleges, universities, and other postsecondary institutions or schools that BOP institutions have MOUs or MOAs or formal agreements with to provide education programs to inmates."

The requester is also seeking a list of any schools with informal agreements provide education programs in your Region. Please provide a list of this information for your respective Region within five (5) business days. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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