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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
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Ms. Diana Gleason
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Dear Ms. Gleason:


This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) dated January 23, 2014, which was received in this office on January 28, 2014, and assigned tracking number 2014-056. Your request seeks "... any documents pertaining to the development or drafting of a code of voluntary best practices for payment processors or intermediaries with respect to online transactions."

In response to your FOIA request, OMB conducted a search of its files for documents that are responsive to the request. We have identified 60 pages of documents responsive to the request. The documents are a 4-page final agreement titled "Best Practices to Address Copyright Infringement and Sale of Counterfeit Products on the Internet" with certain payment processors, and 56 pages of various drafts of such agreement and other related documents.

We are withholding the 4-page final agreement under FOIA exemption 4 [5 U.S.C. section 552(b)(4)] which protects from disclosure "... trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential. We are withholding the 56 pages of various drafts of such agreement and other related documents under FOIA exemption 4 and FOIA exemption 5 [5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5)]. Exemption 5 protects interagency and intra-agency predecisional, deliberative materials, the disclosure of which would inhibit the frank and candid exchange of views that is necessary for effective government decision-making.

If you consider this to be a denial of your request, you may appeal this response in accordance with OMB regulations, at 5 C.F.R. §1303.

Sincerely,


Dionne Hardy
FOIA Officer