



“Release to All” Implementation Questionnaire

“The President is directing the newly established Chief FOIA Officers Council to consider the lessons learned from the DOJ pilot program and work to develop a Federal Government policy establishing a ‘release to one is a release to all’ presumptive standard for Federal agencies when releasing records under FOIA.” [White House Fact Sheet: Next Steps Toward Ensuring Openness and Transparency in Government](#)

CFO Contact Information:

1. Chief FOIA Officer:

2. Any Additional Point of Contact:

After reviewing DOJ’s [assessment](#) of its proactive disclosure pilot and reviewing your own agency’s readiness to apply the “release to all” presumption for FOIA responses, please provide answers to the following questions. Your responses will help guide us in the drafting of the policy, including developing the time table for implementation and any policy issues to address. As with all documents pertaining to the CFO Council, your responses will be made publicly available.

Question 1: As directed by the President, we will be issuing guidance on the “Release to one, Release to All” presumption by January 1, 2017. Do you anticipate that you will be able to implement the policy across your agency within 60 days? If not, how much time do you anticipate your agency will need to implement the “release to all” policy across your agency?

Question 2: Would a staggered implementation be helpful, where, for example, there are goals set for posting 25% of FOIA responses by a certain date, and then 50% by a later date, etc. If so, what would you suggest for such a schedule?

Question 3: Does your agency anticipate any challenges to implementation of the “release to all” presumption that were not identified in the findings from the Department of Justice’s pilot?

Question 4: In addition to your FOIA office(s), which office(s) within your agency will be involved in implementing the policy?

Question 5: One of the findings of the pilot was the need for agencies to retain flexibility and to allow for exceptions to posting. First-party requests (where someone seeks their own records) are already excluded from the presumption. Does your agency anticipate having any other categories of records that may not be appropriate for posting?