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## Public Works Projects for the Internet

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Mr. Timothy P. Bowling  
Chief Quality Officer  
Government Accountability Office  
Washington, DC 20548

Ref. PRI-08-081

Dear Mr. Bowling:

I would like to thank you for your very prompt and very complete answer to my request for records pertaining to the federal legislative histories contract with Thomson West Publishing Corporation.

Pursuant to the regulations concerning the availability of GAO records to the public as outlined in 4 C.F.R. Part 81 (2007), I am requesting copies be disclosed of DVDs received by GAO under contract 70130025, such DVDs containing copies of federal legislative histories in the period from 1915-1995. As stated in Attachment A (Statement of Work) of this contract, "copies of the legislative histories .. would be available for public inspection and copying." As you know, electronic records were incorporated into the FOIA process as part of the 1996 E-FOIA act.

As stated by GAO in the Solicitation for this contract (OAM-2007-N-0003), the federal legislative histories have great "historical and research value" and the purpose of the contract is to improve access to this "valuable information resource." This collection of legislative histories is unique and of great interest and necessary to the work of the general public, scholars, members of the legal profession, and government works in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

For the purpose of evaluating my request, you should know that Public.Resource.Org is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation engaged primarily in the business of disseminating government information to the public at no cost to the public. We are requesting that you waive all fees because disclosure of these records is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. If you do not waive charges and the costs are more than \$100 per DVD or total charges are greater than \$25,000, please contact me.

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