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## **MSPB PROVIDES ONLINE SUBMISSION & TRACKING OF FOIA REQUESTS**

Today the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) added a new capability to submit Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests online via our new [FOIA Web Portal](#). Individuals and organizations now may securely create an account, enter the information pertaining to their FOIA request, and track its progress using the MSPB FOIA Control Number assigned to it. The FOIA Web Portal routes the request to the appropriate MSPB office for a direct response to the requester, and it provides a database that enables more efficient internal processing of FOIA requests. Also, the system produces and submits MSPB's Annual FOIA Report to the [Department of Justice](#).

MSPB Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann stated, "This is another important milestone in our ongoing efforts to 'walk the talk' on transparency and Open Government, especially when it comes to an area as significant as FOIA. The ability for the public and other stakeholders to easily submit a request and then see what's happening with it should help allay fears that it's gone into the ether and help hold us accountable for a timely response."

In addition to using the FOIA Web Portal, requesters may continue to submit FOIA requests via email, postal mail, and fax. To track requests online that were submitted using those methods, requestors need their MSPB FOIA Control Number and to create an account using the FOIA Web Portal. Details on how to submit FOIA requests are available on our website at [www.mspb.gov/foia/foia.htm](http://www.mspb.gov/foia/foia.htm).

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