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RE: FOIA Case No.: 07-216
Number of Vacancies

Dear Mr. Corbo:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 6, 2007.

In responding to a FOIA request, the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) search will include responsive records in its control on the date the search began. FSIS' search began on August 17, 2007.

Your request is granted in full at no cost to you. Enclosed is a spreadsheet that lists vacancy data for Fiscal Year 2007, and a page with explanatory notes.

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and the information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, FSIS does not release personal privacy information, such as home address, telephone number, or social security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

Thank you for your interest in FSIS' programs and policies.

Sincerely,

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Fiscal Year 2007 Employment and Vacancy Data

as of 9-29-2007

Inplant Inspection Employment (Chart 1)

District	Month											
	Oct'06	Nov'06	Dec'06	Jan'07	Feb'07	Mar'07	Apr'07	May'07	Jun'07	Jul'07	Aug'07	Sept'07
Alameda	404	407	405	405	407	405	401	406	402	407	408	407
Denver	409	413	407	398	396	402	401	398	401	402	400	412
Minneapolis	294	303	296	292	293	296	293	296	297	298	298	299
Des Moines	585	586	590	590	592	589	592	590	585	584	584	585
Lawrence	505	512	512	504	509	509	513	514	513	520	519	514
Springdale	700	696	701	688	685	683	689	689	686	687	695	691
Dallas	478	485	482	481	481	478	474	477	489	500	507	505
Madison	224	230	223	221	220	220	220	222	226	231	232	231
Chicago	354	355	354	353	357	365	375	379	377	381	382	391
Philadelphia	376	378	378	369	370	372	371	370	367	369	368	371
Albany	218	215	215	214	220	220	220	219	217	215	214	215
Beltsville	412	404	402	401	402	408	411	409	412	409	411	408
Raleigh	635	642	638	643	644	651	661	659	674	678	681	685
Atlanta	742	746	739	733	741	745	748	749	755	759	754	757
Jackson	812	812	813	806	819	837	838	839	837	833	833	841
Total	7148	7184	7155	7098	7136	7180	7207	7216	7238	7273	7286	7312

Inplant Inspection Vacancy Rate (Chart 2)

District	Month											
	Oct'06	Nov'06	Dec'06	Jan'07	Feb'07	Mar'07	Apr'07	May'07	Jun'07	Jul'07	Aug'07	Sept'07
Alameda	12.36%	12.28%	12.34%	12.53%	11.90%	12.15%	12.25%	11.16%	12.42%	11.52%	11.11%	11.33%
Denver	15.15%	14.14%	15.38%	16.91%	17.15%	16.25%	15.04%	15.86%	15.22%	19.60%	17.36%	17.43%
Minneapolis	12.24%	9.55%	11.90%	14.62%	13.31%	11.90%	12.80%	11.64%	11.34%	9.70%	11.04%	9.12%
Des Moines	11.23%	11.08%	10.61%	10.61%	10.30%	10.76%	10.30%	10.47%	11.23%	11.38%	11.38%	11.23%
Lawrence	8.18%	6.74%	6.74%	8.36%	7.62%	7.62%	7.90%	7.05%	7.23%	6.31%	5.12%	7.72%
Springdale	7.77%	8.30%	9.55%	8.87%	8.42%	9.05%	8.50%	9.82%	9.50%	9.37%	9.15%	9.91%
Dallas	13.87%	14.16%	14.69%	15.02%	15.17%	15.40%	16.11%	16.32%	15.10%	13.79%	13.33%	13.68%
Madison	7.82%	4.56%	7.47%	8.30%	8.33%	8.33%	9.09%	8.64%	7.76%	5.71%	5.69%	6.85%
Chicago	9.92%	17.06%	17.48%	17.91%	16.59%	14.32%	12.38%	11.45%	11.92%	10.98%	10.75%	8.64%
Philadelphia	8.29%	7.80%	8.25%	9.56%	9.09%	8.60%	9.73%	11.69%	11.78%	10.44%	10.46%	9.73%
Albany	20.15%	21.25%	21.25%	21.61%	19.41%	19.41%	18.82%	19.49%	20.22%	20.66%	21.03%	21.25%
Beltsville	12.34%	10.42%	10.86%	11.87%	11.45%	9.73%	8.87%	9.31%	8.65%	9.31%	8.67%	9.33%
Raleigh	13.61%	13.59%	14.13%	13.81%	13.79%	12.50%	10.68%	12.13%	10.13%	9.84%	9.56%	9.39%
Atlanta	10.06%	9.69%	8.99%	10.94%	10.18%	9.81%	10.20%	10.08%	8.82%	8.22%	9.16%	8.90%
Jackson	8.25%	9.07%	8.86%	10.04%	8.80%	6.79%	6.68%	5.20%	5.74%	6.30%	6.93%	6.03%
Actual	11.04%	11.06%	11.46%	12.23%	11.64%	11.03%	10.74%	10.83%	10.54%	10.40%	10.25%	10.25%

Data does not include TA positions

NOTE: Employment data is derived from NFC Bi-weekly reports. OTP is included in Chart 1 and 2

Chart 1- Indicates the number of Permanent Full Time inspection and relief personnel (i.e. Inspectors and Veterinarians) and the Other Than Permanent staff years (SY) that were used to provide coverage for inplant assignments.

Other Than Permanent (OTP) staff year usage is utilized as an efficient means of providing short term coverage for emergency and planned leave situations in certain parts of the country. (Example: there was approximately 20 OTP staff years used in the month of October 2006. Those 20 staff years were added to the employment count).

Chart 2- Indicates the vacancy rate for each month, by district.

Neither chart includes employment or vacancies associated with those assignments that are covered by agreements with the States under the Talmadge-Aiken (TA) Act because such coverage is provided by State employees. Approximately 92 new inspection positions, which reflect new industry demand for service, were established in FY 2007. Federal inspection positions associated with designating the State of New Mexico (11) are included in these 92 new inspection positions.

Nine districts experienced a decrease in their vacancy percentage rates with the most notable being Raleigh and Jackson.

Two districts experienced no change in vacancy percentage.

Four districts experienced an increase in their vacancy rates.

Nationally, vacancy percentage rates throughout the Agency went down by .8 %.