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# OGIS Annual Open Meeting

## June 13, 2023

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**Office of Government Information Services**



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# **The FOIA Ombudsman: The Year in Review - FY 2022**



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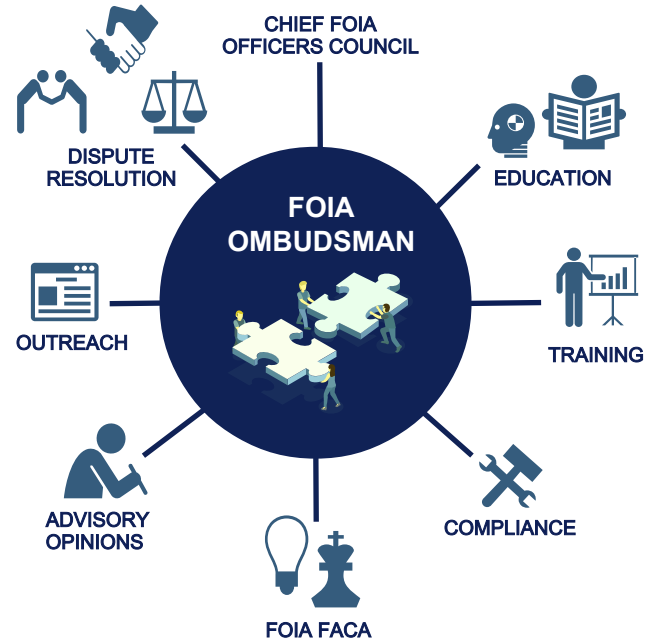
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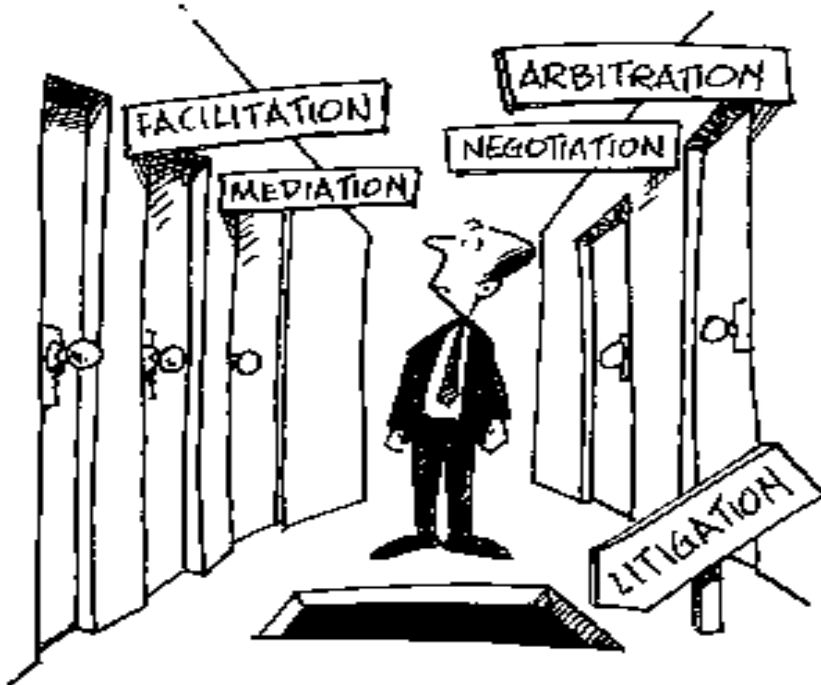
*The Freedom of Information Act Ombudsman*  
2023 REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

# The FOIA Ombudsman

## Improving the FOIA Process



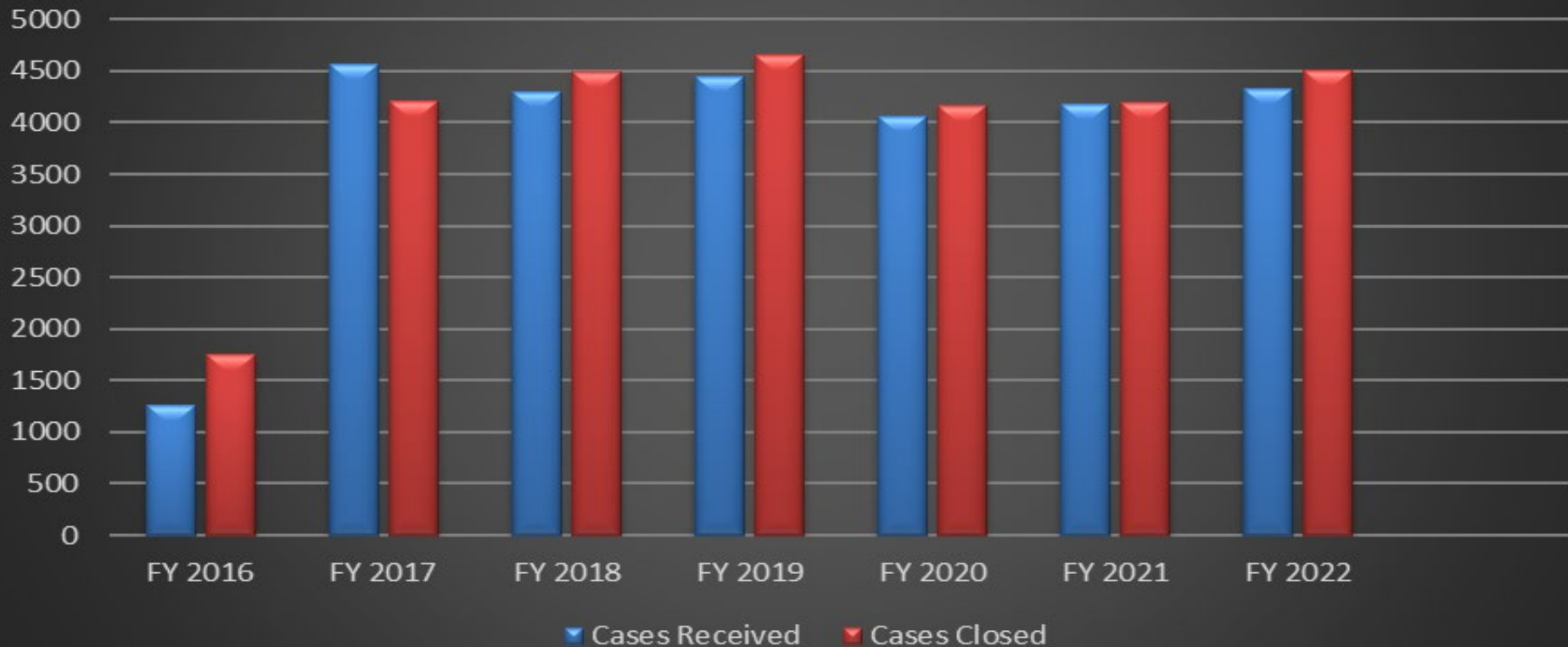
# Listening to Stakeholders through Dispute Resolution



*Jameson, the mediator, uses his last remaining negotiating tool in an effort to break the stalemate.*

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# Requests For OGIS Assistance





# Clear Communications



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# Identifying and Addressing Systemic Issues



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# CFO Council

## CHIEF FOIA OFFICERS COUNCIL

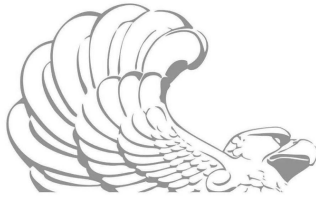




# FOIA Advisory Committee

REPORT TO THE ACTING ARCHIVIST  
OF THE UNITED STATES

Freedom of Information Act Federal Advisory Committee



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2020-2022 Committee Term  
Final Report and Recommendations

July 5, 2022

  
Alina M. Seno  
Chair





# FOIA Advisory Committee

## FOIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS DASHBOARD

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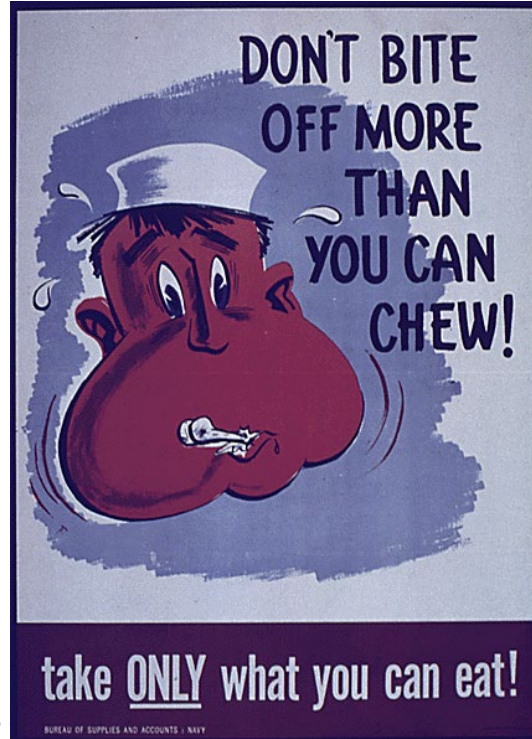
# Recommendations to Congress



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# What is Ahead for OGIS?



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# THANK YOU OGIS Team

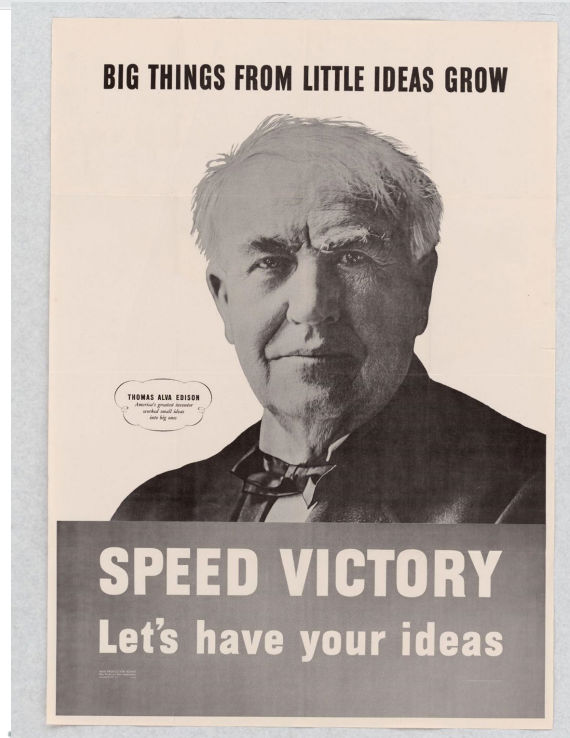
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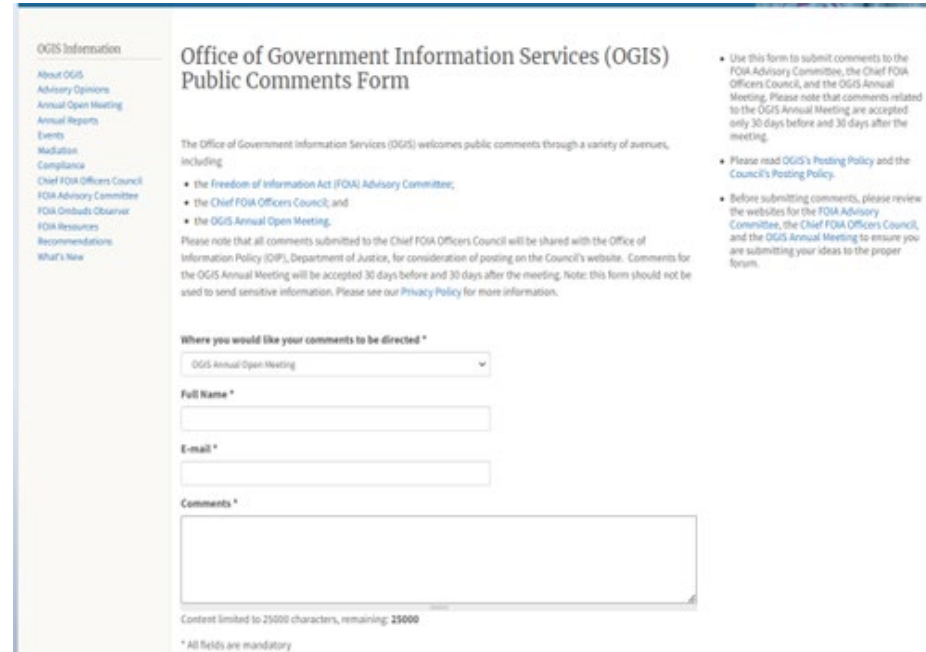


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The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) welcomes public comments through a variety of avenues, including:

- the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee;
- the Chief FOIA Officers Council; and
- the OGIS Annual Open Meeting.

Please note that all comments submitted to the Chief FOIA Officers Council will be shared with the Office of Information Policy (OIP), Department of Justice, for consideration of posting on the Council's website. Comments for the OGIS Annual Meeting will be accepted 30 days before and 30 days after the meeting. Note: this form should not be used to send sensitive information. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more information.

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OGIS Annual Open Meeting

**Full Name \***

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