



BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE  
**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20551

ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE BOARD

December 21, 2010

Mr. Joseph Carson  
10953 Twin Harbour Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37934

Dear Mr. Carson:

This is in response to your correspondence dated October 18, 2010, and received by the Board's Freedom of Information office on October 26. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("the Act"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, you request records relating to

1. the definition of the "other merit system" applicable at the Federal Reserve;
2. the definition of "prohibited personnel practices (PPPs)" applicable at the Federal Reserve;
3. any assessment conducted by the MSPB [Merit Systems Protection Board] or other entity, that evaluated whether Federal Reserve employees are adequately protected from PPPs, as they are defined in the Federal Reserve.

Staff made suitable inquiries, but found no documents that are responsive to your request. A determination that no responsive records exist is considered to be an "adverse determination" under the Act. You may appeal this determination in accordance with section 261.13(i) of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

You may be interested to know that the Board has similar policies pursuant to federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws. This information is publicly available on the board's website and may be accessed at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/eo/nofearnotice.htm>. We hope you find this information useful.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret McCloskey Shanks".

Margaret McCloskey Shanks  
Associate Secretary of the Board

Enclosure