

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ASSISTANT



MITRE developed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Assistant advanced prototype, which uses artificial intelligence, to improve the speed, accuracy, and consistency of the redaction process for the growing volume of FOIA requests.

Funded by MITRE's Independent Research and Development program and developed with FOIA experts, the MITRE FOIA Assistant tool allows analysts to more quickly and consistently identify common redactions. The tool focuses on three of nine FOIA exemptions that represent more than 37% of all redactions to FOIA requests:

- Four (Money Figures),
- Five (Agency Deliberative or Policy Making), and
- Six (Personal/Privacy Information)

Today, most agencies process FOIA redactions manually, a laborious and expensive process. The MITRE FOIA Assistant tool can help increase efficiency, decrease cost, and prevent employee burnout. The tool quickly suggests text for redaction, which FOIA analysts can then choose to accept or reject.

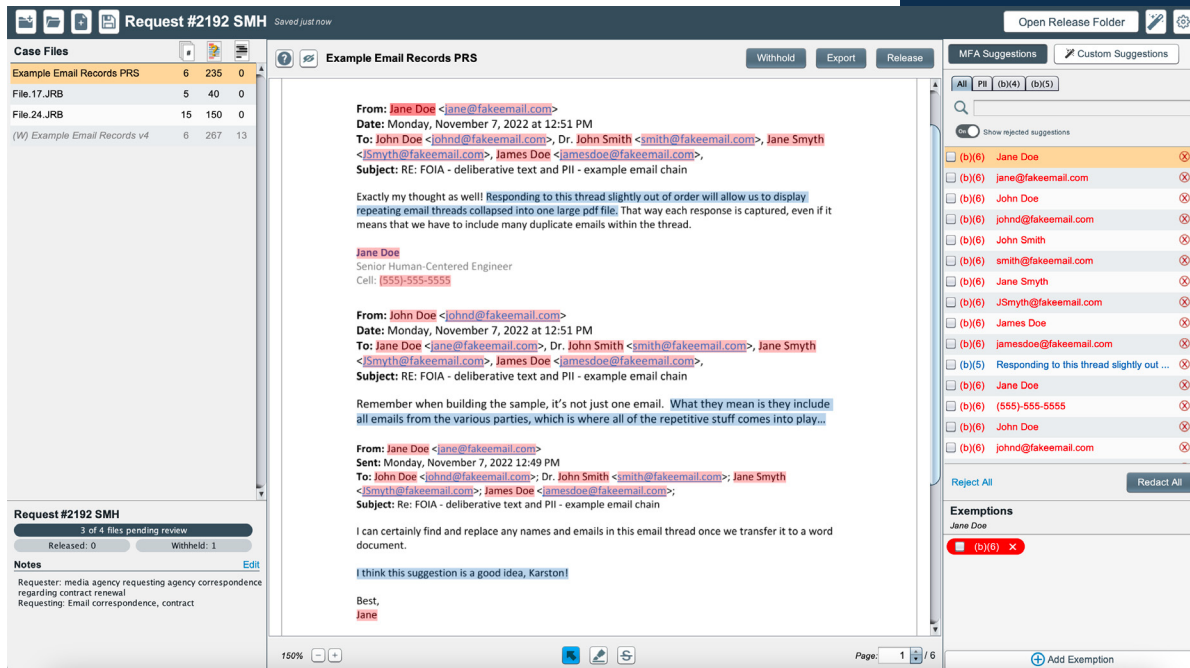
We are offering this advanced prototype free of charge to government partners.



Using the MITRE FOIA Assistant tool, analysts can more quickly and consistently identify common redactions. It's been described as a potential game changer for FOIA analysts.

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Key Features

The MITRE FOIA Assistant was developed with several features to help save analyst time:

- Ability to import PDF files for analysis and export redacted files to PDF
- Novel deep learning algorithm to detect deliberative language, such as suggestion, opinion, emotion, supposition, and conjecture
- Open source Personally Identifiable Information detection algorithm integration
- Intuitive user interface
- Multiple ways to approve and reject suggested redactions
- Filters to enable mass approvals and rejections for repeated information
- Usable as either a stand-alone desktop product or stored on a server
- Possible custom integration options

To learn more, read the mitre.org article: [Searching for Solutions: MITRE Tool Simplifies Freedom of Information Act Requests](#), or reach out today to schedule a demonstration.

To learn more about MITRE's Freedom of Information Act Assistant, contact [Jeff Harrold, jharrold@mitre.org](mailto:jharrold@mitre.org), or [Bradford Brown, bcbrown@mitre.org](mailto:bcbrown@mitre.org).

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