

**National Security and Human Rights Campaign**  
**Docket I – May 10, 2012**  
**Proposed Grant Recommendations**

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The NSHR Campaign plans to recommend the following three renewal grants, which total approximately \$830,000, on Docket I. In addition, we plan to recommend one \$50,000 and under grant in the amount of \$50,000.

**Docket I Grants**

**Center for Democracy and Technology**

*Project support, approximately \$500,000 over two years (renewal)*

A renewal grant to the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) would support its Freedom, Security, and Technology Project and Digital Due Process Project. Together, these programs defend against attacks on privacy and develop public policies and technical design solutions that will protect digital privacy. Approximately \$100,000 from this grant will be set aside for collective resources to benefit a group of organizations that plan to launch a new campaign for digital privacy in order to take advantage of the openings for reform offered by the U.S. Supreme Court in a landmark ruling holding that Fourth Amendment protections extend to GPS tracking devices. These shared funds will likely be used to commission messaging research and to retain digital technologists. Decisions on how to allocate these funds will be jointly made by CDT, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (an NSHR Campaign grantee), and at least one other widely respected organization such as the ACLU. Founded in 1994 and based in Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, CDT combines the roles of think tank, convener, and advocate, and it works at the intersection of law reform, technology, and public policy to preserve and enhance privacy, free expression, and open access in the digital age.

**Federation of American Scientists**

*Project support, \$180,000 over two years (renewal)*

Renewed funding to the Federation of American Scientists would support its Project on Government Secrecy, which challenges excessive government secrecy and promotes public access to government information, particularly in the areas of intelligence, national security, and foreign policy. Led by the Steven Aftergood, who is praised by leading journalists, privacy advocates and government officials alike for his knowledge and expertise, the Project pursues policy advocacy, provides original reporting on developments in government secrecy policy via a blog and the newsletter *Secrecy News*, publishes suppressed and hard-to-find government records of public significance, and supports journalists reporting on secrecy, information policy, and intelligence policy. The Federation of American Scientists was formed in 1945 by atomic scientists who had worked on the Manhattan Project, and is founded on the belief that scientists have a unique responsibility both to warn the public and policy leaders of potential dangers from technological advances and to show how good policy can increase the benefits of new scientific knowledge.

### **Rights Working Group (a project of the Tides Foundation)**

*Project support, \$350,000 over sixteen months (renewal; \$150,000 from the NSHR Campaign, 50,000 from CJF and \$150,000 from EOF)*

A grant to the Rights Working Group would renew support for the Racial Profiling: Face the Truth Campaign, a collaborative campaign to end racial profiling which unites the traditional civil rights organizations that have been leading the fight against racial profiling for decades with more recently formed Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian (AMEMSA) organizations and immigrants' rights organizations. The Campaign is working to stop racial profiling in the post-9/11 world at the federal, state and local level. Its work includes establishing a coalition to address racial profiling of AMEMSA communities at the U.S. northern border and strategizing with grassroots groups to respond to the NYPD's intrusive surveillance of American Muslims throughout the northeast. Founded in 2004, the Rights Working Group is a D.C.-based coalition of more than 250 civil liberties, national security, immigrants' rights, and human rights member organizations from across the nation.

### **\$50,000 and Under Grants**

#### **PEN American Center**

*Project support, \$50,000 over one year (renewal)*

A \$50,000 and under grant to the PEN American Center would renew support for the "Reckoning With Torture" Project, an innovative performance and film initiative that aims to raise awareness of U.S.-sponsored torture of detainees and build support for accountability. Previous funding from the NSHR Campaign enabled PEN, in collaboration with the ACLU and Hollywood director Doug Liman, to stage and film a high-profile "Reckoning With Torture" event at the January 2011 Sundance Film Festival. With its partners, PEN is now working to create a feature-length documentary that will deliver a national call for accountability. The film will weave together footage of acclaimed authors and actors and government whistleblowers performing the "Reckoning" script with DIY recordings by everyday Americans and community groups. Renewed support for this project will cover production costs for the film. Founded in 1922 and based in New York City, the PEN American Center is a literary organization of 3,300 writers. It is dedicated to the promotion of literature, the protection of freedom of expression and the free flow of ideas.