

## 'Sunshine' Underground at the National Records Center in Missouri

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The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) division at the National Records Center, located underground in Lee's Summit, Missouri, hosted two events March 19 in honor of Sunshine Week, the annual public discussion on the importance of open government.

Delores Barber, DHS deputy FOIA officer, presented awards at a ceremony recognizing several employees who worked hard throughout the year to meet the FOIA mission. Later in the day, local immigration attorneys and practitioners were invited to participate in a panel discussion on how FOIA impacts their clients and their work.

Brian Welsh, deputy assistant center director for FOIA, facilitated the panel. The discussion emphasized that the mission impacts real people, not just names on documents in a file.



**Left to Right:** Marcia McDaniel, Phyllis Carpenter, Waynette Strotheide, DHS Deputy FOIA Officer Delores Barber, Claire Gage, NRC FOIA Assistant Center Director Jill Eggleston, Jeff Corcoran, Tiffany Ross, Lorraine Allen, Matthew Bays, and Cory Mabrey