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January 29, 2014

Stanley N. Wasser  
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Re: FOIA #13-588

Dear Mr. Wasser:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated December 6, 2013, and received in my office on December 9, 2013, in which you requested:


“...to inspect and copy the following public records of the University of Illinois:

With regard to the State Farm Center (Assembly Hall) Renovation Project, the following public-records:

1. All proposals received to date for all bid packages, including the previously rejected concrete package.
2. Any and all good faith .effort documentation submitted by bidders for all the packages bid and/or awarded to date.
3. Any and all documentation and/or evidence that the successful bidder produced to show that the MAFBE goal was met that is required prior to receiving the award.
4. Any and all correspondence between U of I, Clayco, Turner Construction, the State of Illinois related to the evaluation of the MAFBE participation for this project.
5. Any and all records regarding any evaluation, review and decision made of the good faith waiver submittals from Williams Brothers Construction, Inc.”

You received a response on December 23, 2013, noting that my office required additional time to process your request; we suggested production of responsive documents on January 24, 2014. You responded on December 30, 2013, and agreed to the suggested timeline.

Information responsive to your request is available at the following URL:

 and will be accessible until February 5. These are public documents numbering 950 pages. Please note that point #2 of your request for “...2. Any and all good faith .effort documentation submitted by bidders for all the packages bid and/or awarded to date...” is considered unduly burdensome. Please resend that portion of your request with a narrowed scope or call our office at the number below to discuss ways to make this point of your request less burdensome.

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Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes email addresses, FTIN numbers, personal plans, and cell phone numbers.
- 140/7 (f) exempts “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” The responsive documents contain preliminary discussions and expressions of opinion regarding possible policies and actions of the University.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us), or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy  
Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer