January 9, 2014

Ms. Robin Kottman
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Re: FOIA Request 13-509

Dear Ms. Kottman:

I am responding to your request dated and received in my office on October 17, 2013, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

“...copies of the competing vendors' proposals for this RFP.”

We responded on November 15, 2013, asking you to narrow your request. You responded on that date and narrowed your request to: “just the pricing proposals from the bidding vendors.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 140 pages.

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

- 140/7(1)(g) that exempts from disclosure “Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged or confidential, and that or where disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business...” This information, which was provided to the University under a claim that it is confidential, a trade secret or proprietary, would cause competitive harm if released.

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.

Per 5ILCS 140/9.5(b), you have a right, under the law, to seek a review of your status as a commercial requestor by the Public Access Counselor in the Office of the Attorney General. They may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to 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