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Ms. Penny Saites  
JetCo Solutions  
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Re: FOIA Request #13-611

Dear Ms. Saites:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on December 18, 2013, in which you requested:

“...the tabulation of bids received for Request for Proposal #JM714 – Marketing Assessment Services.”

This RFP was cancelled. The requested bids, therefore, have not been awarded and thus are exempt from disclosure. Section 7(1)(h) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act exempts from disclosure “proposals and bids for any contract, grant, or agreement, including information which if it were disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contractor agreement with the body, until an award or final selection is made. Information prepared by or for the body in preparation of the bid solicitation shall be exempt until an award or final selection is made.” Since a final award was not made, release of the requested information could frustrate the selection process or give a person proposing to contract with the University an unfair advantage.

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](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,

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Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer

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