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Re: FOIA #14-125

Dear Mr. Wolters,

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of March 6, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“...documents pertaining to the construction/renovation projects undertaken by Otis Construction Company (a MAFBE contractor) at various University of Illinois buildings including:

Personnel Services Building at 52 E. Gregory, Champaign Illinois;
Crop Science Building in Savoy, Illinois
Foreign Language Building 707 S. Mathews Urbana, Illinois
Roger Adams Lab, 600 Mathews Street, Urbana, Illinois
Labor Education Building, Gregory Street, Urbana, Illinois
Memorial Stadium, Champaign, Illinois

Specific documents requested include:

1. Certified payroll records submitted by Otis Construction Company for the projects listed above for the period of September 1, 2013 through January 30, 2014;
2. A copy of all bonds, including performance and payment bonds, furnished for the projects listed above;
3. A copy of the contracts by and between Otis Construction Company and the University of Illinois for the projects listed above; and
4. A copy of the contracts by and between a general contractor or construction manager and Otis Construction Company for the projects listed above.”

Records responsive to your request are attached. These are public records numbering 123 pages. Some information has been redacted pursuant to the following sections 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 unique identifiers.
- 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 includes information regarding liability insurance and other confidential business information.

In response to point 1 of your request, certified payroll records may not be submitted to the University unless specifically requested. Due to this, payroll records for all projects may not exist. These

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records were not located in the course of routine search but additional efforts are being made to locate these records. We expect this search to be complete by April 25.

In response to point 2 of your request, at this time, we are only able to provide the cover sheets for the requested bonds. Production of the full bonds, where available, is burdensome to the University as it requires the search and review of records held in paper copy in a location other than the office responsible for the records. Should you determine that these full bonds are required we expect that they would be available by April 25. Please let us know if you require these records or if the cover sheets are sufficient.

In response to point 4 of your request, Otis Construction was the general contractor for this job. There is no construction manager on this contract.

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, 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