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Kristina Rasmussen
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Re: FOIA #14-128

Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of March 7, 2014, and received in my office on March 10, 2014, in which you requested:

“A comprehensive list of expenditures associated with the “Illinois Budget Policy Toolbox,” including object, payee, date, amount and founding source.”

The Illinois Budget Policy Toolbox is managed by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs as part of the institute’s public engagement and public service mission. Resources such as faculty and staff time are not tracked by project; due to this, determining specific costs related to the project would be impractical.

Two articles were solicited from faculty who do not have appointments within IGPA. Therese McGuire of Northwestern University and retired U of I Professor Walter McMahon are each to be paid stipends of \$750 each. Additionally, Visiting Senior Fellow Martin Luby is also to be paid \$750 for a Toolbox contribution that exceeds the expectations of his limited appointment with IGPA’s Fiscal Futures Project. Finally, IGPA purchased four stock photographs specifically for use on the Toolbox website at a total cost of \$37.20.

All expenses were paid from IGPA’s regular budget allocation. No outside funding for the Toolbox was requested.

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

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