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Bill Ruthhart  
Chicago Tribune  
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Re: FOIA #14-105

Dear Mr. Ruthhart:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of February 26, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“...the following information as it pertains to UI Labs participation in bidding for federal funding to build a digital manufacturing institute:

- A copy of the final bid sent to the Department of Defense.
- Copies of all documents and reports prepared by the University of Illinois and UI Labs as part of its participation in the bid submitted to the Department of Defense.”

In response to point 1 of your request, the bid documents responsive to your request are not in the possession of the University. In response to point 2, the University cannot identify any responsive records given the fact that the University was not involved in issuing the bid to the Department of Defense.

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,

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Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer

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