April 4, 2014

Mr. Gary Pranger
Xerox Corporation
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Re: FOIA Request 14-164

Dear Mr. Pranger:

I am responding to your request dated and received in my office on March 24, 2014, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

“…a copy of the winning RFP from * University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign RFP 1DAG1402: Digital Color Printing System

Awarded to:

Vendor: Ricoh USA, Inc., Champaign, IL
Amount: An estimated $394,121
Terms: An estimated start date of 4/13/2014 through 6/30/2019
Renewals: 2 one-year
Potential Future Renewals: $130,491”

The requested bids have not been awarded and therefore 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 has not been granted for this Request for Proposal, 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, 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