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Carmela Gonzalez
Indiana-Illinois-Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting
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Re: FOIA Request 14-278

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on April 25, 2014, in which you requested:

“The Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (“III FFC”) is seeking information concerning compliance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq., and other information regarding the above-captioned project. The III FFC requests information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., including:

1) A copy of the unofficial bid tabulation request for the above referenced project. The bid opening was held approximately on 4/17/14.”

Information responsive to your request is not available. The requested bid information has not been finalized and therefore is 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 contract, release of the requested information could frustrate the selection process or give a person proposing to contract with the University an unfair advantage. The University anticipates that the contract will be finalized in early June. Please resubmit your request at that time.

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,

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Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

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