June 19, 2014

Ms. Tina Feick
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Re: FOIA Request 14-361

Dear Ms. Feick:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on May 20, 2014, in which you requested:

“This RFP was awarded under Exemption 1AHB1415E – Announcement of an Exempt Purchase (30 ILCS 500/1-13a). Award info published Monday, April 14, 2014.

Any documents relating to the scoring of this award including responses by Swets and EBSCO. We are not sure what documents are available. We are seeking documents relating to the award of this RFP. Our own response is not needed.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 355 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) 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 FEINs.
- 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…” Pursuant to this exemption, certain financial information was redacted. This information, which was provided to the University under a claim that it is confidential. Release of this information would cause competitive harm to Swets and EBSCO, thus, was redacted from the records.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.
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