June 4, 2014

Mr. Mike Hall
Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center
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Re: FOIA Request 14-312

Dear Mr. Hall:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on May 5, 2014, in which you requested:

“…copies of records of all bids and proposals received from the request for information of Specialty Veterinary Services for the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine 1BWH1201. I would also like copies of all responses from the University of Illinois to those proposals and records of communications between the University and vendors submitting bids and proposals.”

Information responsive to your request is available at the link below. These are public documents numbering 291 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 personal email addresses, certificate of liability information, license numbers, and other unique identifiers.
- 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 insurance information was redacted. Release of this information would cause competitive harm to the vendor and, 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

To access the requested documents, please go to:

This link will expire in 7 days