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Don Whipker
Anixer Center
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Re: FOIA Request 14-439

Dear Mr. Whipker:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on June 18, 2014, in which you requested:

“My agency, Lester and Rosalie Anixer Center, submitted an application for RFP#JSH509. We did not receive an award. I have been told that the only way I can review the results of the evaluation and scoring of our application is through the Freedom of Information Act. What is the procedure for submitting a request of this type under this act?”

Information responsive to your request is exempt from disclosure and will not be provided. These documents have been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(f) that exempts from disclosure “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record of relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” Under this exemption, the scoring evaluation you requested is deliberative in nature and, thus, is being withheld. On numerous occasions the Public Access Counselor has concluded that scoring sheets used to select a vendor fall within the provisions of this section. (*See Ill. Att’y Gen. PAC Pre-Auth. 16159, 16151, 15486, 15333, 15364, 14858, and 14851.*)

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of your status as a commercial requestor 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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