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Re: FOIA Request 14-403, 14-404

Dear Dr. Scheinman:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of June 4, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“20140604\_8. Unredacted copies of each of the attached emails [originally provided in response to #14-214, and most recently provided in response to #14-307]. [14-403]

20140604\_9. Copies of the renderings referred to in Ms. Frerichs email of 2/18/09 at 2.09 pm” [14-404]

In response to FOIA 14-403, as noted in the records provided to you in response to FOIA 14-307, the emails you reference originated in FOIA #14-214. The packet provided to you in response to FOIA 14-307 contained our response to that request. This response cited our use of exemptions 140/7(1)(c), 140/7(1)(f) and 140/7(1)(r). For the emails in question, we maintain that portions are exempt under sections 140/7(1)(f) and 140/7(1)(r). Moreover, we further assert that the redacted portions are exempt under section 7(1)(h) of the Act, which exempts “[p]roposals 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.” Thus, for the reasons set forth above, we are declining to give you an unredacted copy of this document.

In response to FOIA #14-404, the renderings referred to in Ms. Frerichs email are exempt from production pursuant to section 7(1)(f), (r) and (h) of the Act, as the renderings are draft documents that are relate to ongoing real estate negotiations. In addition, the renderings are exempt under section 7(1)(i), which exempts “. . . designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced by any public body when disclosure could reasonably be expected to produce private gain or public loss.”

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](mailto: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.

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If you have any questions, please address them to the attention of Ms. Laura Clower, Associate University Counsel, at [clower@uillinois.edu](mailto:clower@uillinois.edu).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer

cc: Laura Clower, Assoc. Univ. Counsel