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Andrew Scheinman
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Re: FOIA #14-395

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_1. Please provide me with an unredacted copy of the attached document which was produced in FOIA 14-307, specifically an unredacted copy of the letter of 2/28/14 from Fox Atkins Devopment [sic] to Laura Frerichs.”

As noted in the records provided to you in the aforementioned request, the page 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 page in question, we maintain that redacted 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.

You have the 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 any questions, please address them to the attention of Ms. Laura Clower, Associate University Counsel, at clower@uillinois.edu.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

cc: Laura Clower, Assoc. Univ. Counsel