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September 30, 2014

Mr. Craig Stefan  
US Foods  
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Re: FOIA Request 14-631

Dear Mr. Stefan:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on September 22, 2014, in which you requested:

“. . . information from Bid # 1DAG1502: Housing Dining Services Cleaning Product . . . If possible, can you send me the itemized bid pricing (bid cost per item) that was submitted by Chemical Maintenance, Inc.?”

The requested bid has not been awarded and therefore information regarding the bid pricing is exempt from disclosure. Section 7(1)(h) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act exempts from disclosure “proposals 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. Information prepared by or for the body in preparation of the bid solicitation shall be exempt until an award or final selection is made.” Since a final award has not been granted for this bid, release of the requested information could frustrate the selection process or give a person proposing to contract with the University an unfair advantage. Please feel free to resubmit this FOIA in the future once the bid has been awarded.

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](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.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy  
Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer

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