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Re: FOIA #14-585

Dear Mr. Stratford:

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

“The University of Illinois’s contract with Lewis-Burke Associates, LLC that was in effect during any part of 2012, 2013, or 2014. Please include any related requests for proposals, proposals, bids, cover letters, attachments, appendices, or other supplementary materials.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 102 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or withheld 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 a FEIN.
- 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...” This includes business financial records and statements, references, and client lists that were furnished under a claim of confidentiality and would cause competitive harm if released.

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy  
Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer