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September 9, 2014

Ms. Tracy Davis-Pitts
Suzi Davis Travel
[REDACTED]

Re: FOIA Request 14-542

Dear Ms. Davis-Pitts:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on August 11, 2014, in which you requested:

“...a copy of accepted award for solicitation 1DGS1403...”

The requested information has not been finalized and therefore is exempt from disclosure 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.” This includes any draft and/or preliminary documents.
- 140/7(1)(h) that 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 this information is not final, release of the requested information could frustrate the selection process or give a person proposing to contract with the University an unfair advantage.

We expect this information to be finalized by mid-October 2014. Please resubmit your request at that time.

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\[at\]g.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess[at]g.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 questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer