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Re: FOIA Request 14-815

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated November 26, 2014 and received in my office on December 4, 2014, in which you requested:

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140, the //llinois Freedom of Information Act, Iam making a public records request re: University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), RFP #IJW018 - Request for Proposal: Consultant for Assessment of naming Rights.

I am requesting specific materials from the UIC. The materials are as follows:

- the contract signed between the UIC and IMG;
- the responses to the RFP submitted by IMG; and
- the presentation materials submitted by IMG;”

Information responsive to your request is not available. The requested contract and proposal information has not been awarded and therefore 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 contract, release of the requested information could frustrate the selection process or give a person proposing to contract with the University an unfair advantage. The University anticipates that the contract will be finalized by February 1, 2015. Please resubmit your request at that time.

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, 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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