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Tom Nash
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Re: FOIA 15-091

Dear Mr. Nash:

I am responding to your request dated February 5, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

“The contract, memorandum of understanding or agreement that established the NVIDIA CUDA Center of Excellence at University of Illinois UC, which was announced in 2008. The center’s creation is outlined here: https://developer.nvidia.com/academia/centers/universityillinois-ccoe
- Any yearly reports, memos or press releases summarizing activity at the center between 2008 and 2014.
-Any documents detailing changes to the original contract/agreement.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 26 pages. Please note, for points 1 and 3 of your request, a search was conducted and no records could be located.

Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

• 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Specifically, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g) protects the privacy of student education records and prohibits the release of any information from a student’s education record without the consent of the eligible student. Under this exemption, the names of students were redacted from the documents.

• 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes student information.

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, 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