March 16, 2015

Joe Orzolek

Re: FOIA 15-034

Dear Mr. Orzolek:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on January 15, 2015, in which you requested:

“Requesting all submitted bids for the following loader bids.
1JXS1514- Furnish and Deliver (1) New Wheel loader.
1JXS1515- Furnish and Deliver (1) New Wheel Loader/Snow Blower Combination.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 406 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted 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 home addresses, phone numbers and other unique identifiers.
- 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 technical specifications, which were provided under a claim that they are confidential, a trade secret or proprietary.
- 140/7(1)(i) that exempts “valuable formulae, computer geographic systems, designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced by any public body when disclosure could reasonably be expected to produce private gain or public loss.” This includes technical drawings that could produce private gain or create public loss if disclosed.

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.

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, 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