May 29, 2015

Mr. Richard Ricca
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Re: FOIA Request 15-431

Dear Mr. Ricca:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated May 25, 2015, and received in my office on May 26, 2015, in which you requested:

“…the manufactures and Model #'s of the Skid Steer Loaders bid on May 12, 2015 (Furnish and Deliver New Skid Steer Loader) 1APG1510.”

The specified bid has not been awarded and therefore the requested information about the same 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 bid, release of the requested information could frustrate the selection process or give a person proposing to contract with the University an unfair advantage.

Once this bid has been awarded, you may resubmit your request to our office.

Per 5 ILCS 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