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David Heath  
The Center for Public Integrity  
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Re: FOIA #15-409

Dear Mr. Heath:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of May 19, 2015, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“...requesting copies of all communications between representatives of the Food and Drug Administration and the following professors related to the CLARITY research project:

Jodi Flaws  
Gail Prins”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 195 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted 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 documents containing recommendations, notes and records regarding the formulation of an action or plan.
- 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 information that could expose details about trials, research or confidential information.
- 140/7(1)(i) exempts from production “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 research information that, if disclosed, could lead to private gain or public loss.

- 140/7(1)(j)(iv) exempts from disclosure “course materials or research materials used by faculty members.” This includes faculty research 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](mailto: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