June 19, 2015

Jason Cerezo  
jason@thirdside.co

Re: FOIA Request #15-283

Dear Mr. Cerzo:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated April 16, 2015, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“1. Copies of bids and proposals requested and received for the website http://soybeaninnovationlab.illinois.edu/  
2. Copies of any email or printed communications between the University of Illinois and the vendor that was hired to build the website http://soybeaninnovationlab.illinois.edu/ between the dates 1 January 2014 and 1 April 2015.  
3. Copies of the original contract(s) between the University of Illinois and the vendor chosen to build the website http://soybeaninnovationlab.illinois.edu/  
4. Copies of any maintenance agreements between the University of Illinois and the vendor chosen to build the website at the URL http://soybeaninnovationlab.illinois.edu/”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 345 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.
- 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 personal medical information.

Please note that, due to the way Outlook formats long emails, some email strings were rendered illegible. These strings have been included in multiple parts for clarity. These clarifying instances have been noted in the provided document.

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