September 22, 2015

Mr. Steve Berkowitz
USA Today
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Re: FOIA Request 15-756

Dear Mr. Berkowitz:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on September 8, 2015, in which you requested:

“…the amounts that Beckman was paid in base salary and “media and marketing component” during this contract year, through his termination.

…

In addition, I would like to obtain any amendment(s) to Bill Cubit’s appointment notice and/or contract that reflect any additional amount(s) he is receiving for serving as the interim head coach.

…

Lastly, I would like to obtain the appointment notice and/or contract for new assistant coach Nathan Scheelhaase.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 8 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 university identification numbers and personal financial information, such as net pay, which could reflect payroll deduction information.

- 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 financial information, such as net pay, which could reflect payroll deduction 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