



February 2, 2017

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Tim Zeel

Tiles in Style

Email: timz@tilesinstyle.com

RE: 17-FOIA-026 Information on re: bid # 65744A

Dear Mr. Zeel:

We are in receipt of your request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“FOIA”).

I. Background

On January 27, 2016, we received your request for a copy of Griggs Mitchell bid for IFB#65744A (“Request”). Your request is denied.

II. Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Jamie V. Harmann has determined that the documents responsive to this request are exempt from disclosure based upon the following section of FOIA:

- The documents responsive to this request are being withheld in their entirety under section 7(1)(h) of FOIA. Section 7(1)(h) exempts “[p]roposals 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.” Because the contract has yet to be awarded, it has been determined that the aforementioned documents are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(h).

You may re-submit your Request once the contract has been awarded.

III. Right of Review

You have the right to have the denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

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Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Hatch".

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