



June 27, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Karen Jesse

Procurement Liaison

ABC Humane Wildlife Control and Prevention, Inc.

Email: [karen@abcwildlife.com](mailto:karen@abcwildlife.com)

RE: 16-FOIA-161 Extermination Services Contract / Bid

Dear Ms. Jesse:

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

**I. Background**

On June 13, 2016, we received your request for the most recently awarded contract for Extermination Services for Metra's railcars; the most recently awarded contract for Extermination Services for Metra's facilities in relation to IFB No. 09719; and any and all bid tabulation sheets associated with IFB No. 09719 (“Request”). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

**II. Responsive Documents**

In response to your Request, Metra’s Procurement Department is providing you with the following records:

- Purchase Order No. B42169, dated November 4, 2014 for exterminations services for Metra railcars;
- Purchase Order No. B50685, dated January 21, 2015 for exterminations services for Metra facilities, including Amendment No. 1 and Change Order No. 1; and
- Bid Tabulation Sheet for IFB No. 09719B

(“Responsive Documents”).

**III. Partial Denial**

1. The unique identifier (permit number) and personal financial information (insurance account numbers) of the party mentioned in the Responsive Documents are being redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts “private information.” “Private information” is defined as unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses.

2. Insurance information contained within the Responsive Documents is being redacted because it is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(s) of FOIA, which exempts “[a]ny and all proprietary information and records related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool or jointly self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool Insurance or self-insurance (including any intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(s). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, all information regarding insurance within the Responsive Document has been redacted.

#### **IV. Right of Review**

A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record was treated by the public body as a request for a commercial purpose under Section 3.1 of FOIA may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office for the limited purpose of reviewing whether the public body properly determined that the request was made for a commercial purpose. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

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](mailto: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 partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

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

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

Sincerely,



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Attachments