



December 5, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Joseph DeLaurentis
Calumet Armature & Electric
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RE: 16-FOIA-295 Metra IFB #04601A

Dear Mr. DeLaurentis:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*

I. Background

On November 21, 2016, we received your request for the Appendix B Pricing Lists from all submitting bidders for IFB #04601A (“**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 IFB #04601A Appendix B Pricing Lists from the following bidders:

- Rail Products International;
- Sherwood Electromotion Inc.;
- Electric Motor Services Inc.;
- Progress Rail Services Corporation;
- Walco Electric;
- Industrial Maintenance & Engineering;
- Norfolk Southern –TMS; and
- RAM Industrial Services, LLC

(“**Responsive Documents**”).

III. Partial 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 Harrmann has determined that the following portions of the Responsive Documents are exempt from disclosure under certain provisions of FOIA:

1. The personal telephone numbers of the parties 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.” “Personal telephone numbers,” are specifically mentioned within the definition of “private information” found in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA.

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.

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 further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachments