

February 10, 2012

Clare Lopez-Kaley CBS 2 Broadcast Center 22 West Washington Street Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Ms. Lopez-Kaley:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for information about reimbursements for unused sick and vacation days. Your request includes:

"Please provide, for the years 2010 and 2011, the total amount of money paid out in unused sick time to Illinois State Toll Highway Authority employees. For the same years, please provide the total amount paid out in unused vacation time."

"Please also provide the name and title for the ten people who received the most money, in 2010 and 2011, for unused sick time. Please provide the same information for those receiving money for unused vacation time. Also, please provide the names and titles of the ten people who received the most in combined unused sick and vacation reimbursements or payouts."

The Tollway has completed its review of your request and is providing the attached records in response.

Please note, the Illinois Tollway limits the accumulation of vacation time. In addition, Illinois has stopped the practice of compensating for unused sick time for anyone hired after 1997. Pursuant to statute, Tollway employees who accrued sick time between 1984 and 1996 are entitled to a payout equal to half of the daily salary rate and employee sick time is used on a first in, last out basis, i.e., the most recently accrued sick time is used first.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis Freedom of Information Officer