



April 18, 2012

Bob Herguth
Better Government Association

Dear Mr. Herguth:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for “copies of any and all contracts, subcontracts and other agreements relating to the purchase, installation, removal, maintenance, operation and repair of surveillance and security cameras from 2002 to present day.”

We have completed our review, and the Illinois Tollway is providing copies of the responsive records for your request. However, please note that the Tollway has redacted private information contained in contract documents that includes personal addresses and redacted plans and technical submissions detailing security and surveillance camera locations that the disclosure of which would compromise Tollway security.

Individual's personal addresses are exempt under Section 7(1)(b) which allows the Agency to redact individuals' private information. " 'Private information' means 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. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person." 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5)

In addition, Section 7(1)(k) states that “architects' plans, engineers' technical submissions, and other construction related technical documents for projects not constructed or developed in whole or in part with public funds and the same for projects constructed or developed with public funds, including but not limited to power generating and distribution stations and other transmission and distribution facilities, water treatment facilities, airport facilities, sport stadiums, convention centers, and all government owned, operated, or occupied buildings, but only to the extent that disclosure would compromise security.”

Please note that Joelle McGinnis, Freedom of Information Officer, was responsible for the denials referenced herein. You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). 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

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

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.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis
Freedom of Information Officer