



February 28, 2013

Dustin Heap

Dear Mr. Heap:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for “past budgets and the agreements/contracts that were formed between the Illinois Tollway and Jewel, NBC, and other organizations.”

The Illinois Tollway has completed its review of your request and it is granted in part and denied in part. The responsive records are included with this response.

The Tollway has redacted private information including personal addresses. 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)

Additionally, the Illinois Tollway relied on 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(g) to exempt a portion of the records that contain financial information for the following reasons: “Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged or confidential, and that disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business, and only insofar as the claim directly applies to the records requested.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(g).

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](mailto: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