

August 28, 2014

Heather Finch Duncan Solutions, Inc. 633 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1600 Milwaukee, WI 53203

Dear Ms. Finch:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for "copies of the following documents and information related to the Illinois Tollway's RFP #13-0092 for Collection and Collection Litigation Services, including:

- The winning contract in its entirety, including any and all contract amendments
- Any proposal/response submissions, including but not limited to the pricing and technical proposals, and any BAFO, excluding submissions from Law Enforcement Systems, LLC
- Any scoring or evaluation records used in the evaluation process"

Your request is denied because the records you requested are not available for disclosure because the contract included in this request has not been awarded. Section 5 ILCS140/7(1)(h) of the FOIA Act exempts from disclosure "proposals and bids for any contract, grant, or agreement, including information which if it were disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contractor agreement with the body, until an award or final selection is made."

Per the Illinois Procurement Code records that are part of the procurement file are required to be made public 7 days after award, which is the date when the notice of award is published in the Procurement Bulletin. This contract has not been considered by the Tollway Board of Directors nor has it been published in the Procurement Bulletin as of this date.

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: <u>publicaccess@atg.state.il.us</u> 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