



November 12, 2014

Peter M. Follenweider
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216 West Higgins Road
Park Ridge, IL 60068-5736

Dear Mr. Follenweider:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for “copies of all contracts awarded to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielson & Associates, LLC, including, but not limited to, Contract Nos. I-12-4076 and I-13-4156. Additionally, we request copies of all project specifications and engineer approved meeting minutes for the months of April, May and June of 2013 referring to the above referenced contracts.”

We have completed the review of your request. Please note that your request is granted in part and denied in part.

These records are too large to provide via e-mail. In keeping with the copying fees allowed by the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/6(b), the cost of copying these records onto a CD is \$2.00 [\$1.00 CD plus \$1.00 postage]. If requested, we can make these records available to be picked up and the postage fee would be waived. Payments can be made to the Illinois Tollway, Attn: FOIA Officer, 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL, 60515. The records will be processed upon receipt of payment.

Please note that the Tollway has redacted portions of the records that contain private information, which are exempt under Section 7(1)(b). “ ‘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 Tollway has redacted from the records the plans, technical submissions and construction related technical documents that would compromise the security of the buildings that are part of the plan drawing. 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, FOIA 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

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. 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.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis
Freedom of Information Officer