January 6, 2016

VIA E-MAIL
Mr. Walter Allen

RE: 15-FOIA-264 DBE Info - Webtec

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On December 18, 2015, we received your request for answers to the following questions:

• What is the DBE percentage or / and small business percentage achieved on the $45 million Webtec contract for train control;
• Are there federal funds involved;
• If federal funds are involved, how much is assigned; and
• What is Metra’s annual DBE goal

(“Request”).

Metra sought answers to the questions you have submitted and received the following responses from Metra’s Grant Management & Accounting Department and Office of Business Diversity & Civil Rights:

• After performing a diligent search of Metra’s records, we have been unable to locate any records responsive to your Request for information concerning a $45 million dollar contract with Wabtec. Metra’s Grant Management & Accounting Department advised that there is a contract with Parsons Transportation Group for the positive train control system integration for $79.9 million dollars, which utilizes equipment from Wabtec;
• No federal funds are currently involved;
• Of the above-referenced $79.9 million dollars, $40 million dollars of the contract is currently funded 100% by a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority, backed by bonds from the State of Illinois. The source of the remaining contract funding has yet to be determined, but may include federal transit dollars; and
• Metra’s annual DBE goal is 21%.
If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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