

June 7, 2016

<u>VIA E-MAIL</u> Ms. Chrissy O'Donnell CORE Mechanical, Inc. Email: <u>chrissy@coremechanicalinc.com</u>

# RE: 16-FOIA-116 Plumbing Repair & Replacement Services Contract

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

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

## I. <u>Background</u>

On April 29, 2016, we received your request for the plumbing repair and replacement services contract and bid tabulation for IFB #08789 for the bid due on April 11, 2013 ("**Request**").

We contacted you on May 6, explaining that our Procurement Department was seeking clarification of your Request. Specifically, they wanted to know if you were seeking the contract tied to requisition #08789, or a different contract. You responded that same day confirming that you wanted the contract associated with requisition #08789, but the pricing page for this contract was acceptable. Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

## II. <u>Responsive Documents</u>

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with copies of the contract for IFB #08789 and the bid tabulation sheet from the bid due on April 11, 2013 ("**Responsive Document**").

## III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, Section 7(1)(s) of FOIA authorizes units of government to withhold "[a]ny and all proprietary information and records related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool or jointly self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool Insurance or self-insurance (including any intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(s). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, all information regarding insurance within the Responsive Documents has been redacted.

## IV. <u>Right of Review</u>

A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record was treated by the public body as a request for a commercial purpose under Section 3.1 of FOIA may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor ("**PAC**") of the Illinois Attorney General's Office for the limited purpose of Ms. Chrissy O'Donnell / CORE Mechanical, Inc. 16-FOIA-116 Plumbing Repair & Replacement Services Contract Page 2 of 2

reviewing whether the public body properly determined that the request was made for a commercial purpose. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b)). 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 the partial denial of your Request by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

WE Baton

Kathleen E. Haton Freedom of Information Officer foia@metrarr.com

Attachments