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OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL  
FRANK J. MAUTINO

February 10, 2016

Kirk Allen  
P.O. Box 593  
Kansas, IL 61933

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are responding to your Freedom of Information Act request received February 9 asking for the following documents:

- 1) Copy of any communication either electronic or paper received by the Office of Auditor General and Frank Mautino seeking a response or answers to questions about Frank Mautino's campaign records, by any person, group of people, and/or any legislatures, either individual or as a group in the last 30 days.
- 2) Copy of any response provided by Frank Mautino to the above referenced requests.

Your request encompasses a prior Freedom of Information Act request that we received on February 1 and to which we responded on February 5. Therefore, with one caveat, our response to you largely consists of our response to the prior FOIA. With regard to the prior FOIA, our response included records through February 2. That FOIA and our response are enclosed. For purposes of responding to your FOIA, we have also provided records from February 3 through February 9. The latter records are included herein on a second disk.

With regard to the records we provided in response to the prior FOIA, please note the following:

- I redacted personal email addresses as required by the Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b): Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order. Per 5 ILCS 140/2 (c-5): "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.
- I removed eight emails and attachments that relate to the following on-going audit engagements: Board of Admissions to the Bar; Illinois Community College Board; Regional Office of Education No. 44; Statewide Financial Statements; and Central Management Services (BCCS). These documents came up in our word search for "elections" because they contain routine references to the State Board of Elections or elections in general. Information related to an on-going audit is confidential and may not be released until the audit or examination to which the information pertains is completed and issued by this Office. Illinois State Auditing Act, 30 ILCS 5/3-11 and implementing regulations at 74 Ill.Adm.Code 420.630 (b) (1).
- I removed three emails and attachments that contain budgetary and scope of work details on engagements that will be released for competitive procurement in the next few weeks. Release of this information would disadvantage the Office in obtaining the best possible price on our upcoming procurements. This information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (h): 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. Information prepared by or for the body in preparation of a bid solicitation shall be exempt until an award or final selection is made.

If you believe this response constitutes a denial you have a right to have our response 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, IL 62706  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of any 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 letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5 (a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Yours truly,

  
Rebecca Patton

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