September 15, 2010

VIA ELECTRONIC AND REGULAR MAIL

Attn: Mark Wancket, FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Office
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

Re: American Institutes for Research and ISBE

Dear Mr. Wancket:

Please consider this a request pursuant to Illinois FOIA for the contract between the American Institutes for Research ("AIR") and the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE"). Specifically we are looking for information between 2000 and 2010 which includes the following:

1. Copies of any contracts or any other affiliation agreements between AIR and ISBE;
2. Copies of all evaluations or reports generated by AIR on behalf of ISBE;
3. The costs paid by ISBE to AIR and/or its contractors or employees during the life of the contract to date.

If any part of this request is denied, please reference the specific document denied and the legal basis upon which disclosure is being denied. The principal purpose for this information request is to protect the health, safety, welfare and legal rights of the general public. This request for information is not for the purpose of personal or commercial gain. Accordingly, pursuant to 5 ILCS 104/6(b), we request a waiver of all copying fees. Please be aware that the FOIA requests require a response within five (5) working days of your receipt. I look forward to your timely compliance.

Sincerely,

Laura O’Connor
paralegal

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