February 23, 2012

Dear Gerald Del Amo:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Feb. 7.

You have requested 17 sets of documents regarding Everest College (formerly Olympia College), including copies of FOIA requests and responses, a copy of annual reviews and a copy of placement statistics.

In a letter dated Feb. 15, our agency requested a five-day extension until Feb. 23.

Our responses to your requests are as follows:

Request 1: "A copy of all FOIA requests regarding Everest made by Jeffrey J. Antonelli or the Law Office of Jeffrey J. Antonelli, Ltd., 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60602."

Response 1: Documents responsive to this request total 3 pages.

Request 2: "A copy of all documents produced in response to No. 1."

Response 2: Documents responsive to this request total 317 pages.

Request 3: "A copy of all FOIA requests relating to Everest."

Response 3: Documents responsive to this request total 3 pages.

Request 4: "A copy of all documents produced in response to No. 3."

Response 4: Documents responsive to this request total 579 pages.

Request 5: "A copy of the Annual Reviews of Everest and/or its owners and/or its agents for the year 2004 through and including 2011. (105 ILCS 425/14.1)"
Response 5: Documents responsive to this request total 1,895.

Request 6: “A copy of any rules and regulations for the proper administration and enforcement of the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act with relation to Everest and/or its owners and/or agents that were created since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/15).”

Response 6: Our agency does not have rules and regulations specific to Everest. Our general rule booklet is available upon request.

Request 7: “A copy of any placement assistance statistics provided by Everest and/or its owners and/or agents to the ISHE since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/15.2).”

Response 7: See Response 5.

Request 8: “A copy of any notice from Everest and/or its owners and/or agents of any warning, suspension or revocation of its accreditation or affiliation with any professional organization that were provided to ISBE since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/15.2).”

Response 8: See Response 5.

Request 9: “A copy of any reports and investigations by the Superintendent pertaining to Everest and/or its owners and/or agents that were conducted since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/17).”

Response 9: Our agency has no documents responsive to this request.

Request 10: “Any application for certificate of approval of Everest’s programs, including all the subpart and commitments that are required by the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act that has been filed since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/6 (1-16) and 105 ILCS 425/7 (1-0)).”

Response 10: See Response 5.

Request 11: “A copy of the Superintendent’s approval of all courses of instruction and subjects offered by Everest that was issued after January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/5.1)”

Response 11: See Response 5.

Request 12: “Any Supplemental applications filed by Everest and/or its owners and/or agents since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/9).”

Response 12: See Response 5.

Request 13: “A copy of any application for Sales Representative Permits filed by Everest and/or its owners and/or agents since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/11).”

Response 13: Documents responsive to this request total 863 pages.

Request 14: “A copy of any Sales Representative Permits filed by Everest and/or its owners and/or agents since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/11).”
Response 14: Our agency does not keep permits, therefore there are no documents responsive to this request.

Request 15: "A copy of any reports related to the issuance of the Sales Representative Permits filed by Everest and/or its owners and/or agents that were created since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/11)."


Request 16: "Any renewal applications for Sales Representative Permits filed by Everest and/or its owners and/or agents since January 2004 (105 ILCS 425/13)."


Request 17: "A copy of any renewed Sales Representative Permits issued to Everest and/or its owners and/or agents since January 2004. (105 ILCS 425/13)."

Response 17: Our agency does not keep permits, therefore there are no documents responsive to this request.

Please note, private information has been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(l)(b).

The total amount of paper documents responsive to your requests is 3,660 pages. These documents may be examined at the Illinois State Board of Education’s Springfield office. The duplication cost is $541.50 (3,610 pages x .15 per page). Note that there is no charge for the first 50 pages. Please direct a check to the attention of Amanda Simhauser – made payable to the Illinois State Board of Education – if you wish to have the documents sent to you. The agency’s FOIA guidelines can be found at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/htmls/foia.htm.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information