Dear Matt

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that include contact information of commercial construction companies that are licensed doing business in the state of Illinois. These companies include any that are licensed, incorporated, or bidding public sector projects funded by taxpayer dollars. Preferable format would be electronic and can be shared via cd to the address provided or emailed should the size be less than 25mb.

I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of $100. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please let me know by calling or emailing me.

Additionally the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest, as is the case for this request. We are a construction reporting service seeking to improve the quality of information we share on public projects. This is done by fact-checking contact information for companies that we already have as active bidders on public sector commercial construction projects.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 ILCS 140(3). Thank you for considering and responding to this request.

Sincerely,

Nathan Boe