Ms. Katherine Tople  
Illinois State Board of Education  
100 North First Street  
Suite W-380  
Springfield, IL, 62777

Dear Ms. Tople,

The purpose of this letter is to request publicly available information under regulations associated with open access to public information, such as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

OPEN MINDS is formally requesting a copy of Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill winning proposal for the following RFP:

RFP NUMBER: 22033176

RFP TITLE: Illinois Seeks Child Outcomes Study Services

DESCRIPTION: Illinois State Board of Education seeks a contractor to conduct a validation study of center-based programs registered in Excelerate and a child outcomes study of pre-school-aged children. The contractor will develop a study design to assess the extent to which Excelerate Illinois meaningfully distinguishes program quality and the extent to which rating levels relate to child outcomes.

RFP DUE DATE: 5/15/2014

AWARDEE: Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 105 Smith Level Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, Phone: 919-843-8085 Contact Person: Itheoma Iruka

CONTRACT AWARD DATE: 7/3/2014

The information may be sent via e-mail to foiamanager@openminds.com, or can be sent via postal mail to: OPEN MINDS, 163 York Street, Gettysburg, PA, 17325.

If you deny this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under the law. I look forward to your reply within 20 workdays (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays), as the statute requires.

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If you have any questions or would like to further discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717-334-1329. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Cara Neil, OPEN MINDS