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James T. Meeks Chairman Tony Smith, Ph.D. State Superintendent of Education

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[emailed to kbelsha@chicagoreporter.com]

Kalyn Belsha The Chicago Reporter

Dear Ms. Belsha:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Oct. 19, 2016.

On Oct. 26, our agency requested a five-day extension until Nov. 2, 2016.

You have requested the following:

Request 1: A copy of all RFPs ISBE has issued as part of the Charter Schools Program federal grant won in 2015;

Response 1: A copy of the RFP that was issued for the first competition can be viewed at the following link: www.isbe.net/charter.

Request 2: A copy of all intent to apply documents, submitted applications and award notifications for the Charter Schools Program federal grant won in 2015.

Response 2: The attached Intent to Apply document (17-117-belsha-doc2.pdf) has been provided in response to this portion of your request.

Official Notice of Awards will not be generated until the charters resubmit them electronically as they still need to formally accept the awards and terms. Alternatively, the attached document (17-117-belsha-doc1.pdf) has been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note we have redacted signatures pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b).

The attached RFP response documents (17-117-belsha-doc3.pdf through 17-117-belsha-doc5.pdf) have been provided in response to this portion of your request. Please note we have redacted usernames pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (b).

If you have questions, please contact Megan Griffin at (217) 782-4648 or mgriffin@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Stevens Deputy General Counsel- Program Support

Attachments