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# VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Pat Moran Acton Mobile Email: <u>pat.moran@actonmobile.com</u>

## RE: 15-FOIA-249 Mobile Mini Contracts

Dear Mr. Moran:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* ("**FOIA**").

#### I. <u>Background</u>

On November 24, 2015, we received your request copies of all legal contracts between Metra and Mobile Mini ("**Request**").

#### II. <u>Responsive Documents</u>

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with copies of Master Purchase Agreement #P0236 for Welfare and Storage Trailers, with Exhibits and Blanket Purchase Order #B40082 ("**Responsive Documents**").

### III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Thomas Stuebner has determined that the following portions of the Responsive Documents are exempt from disclosure under certain provisions of FOIA:

- 1. The personal financial information (insurance policy numbers and tax identification numbers) of the party mentioned in the Responsive Documents are being redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts "private information." "Private information" is defined as unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home addresses and personal license plates which are specifically mentioned within the definition of "private information" found in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA. (5 ILCS 140/2(c-5)).
- 2. Insurance information contained within the Responsive Documents is being redacted because it is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(s) of FOIA, which exempts "[a]ny and all proprietary information and records related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool or jointly self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool Insurance or self-insurance (including any intergovernmental risk

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management association or self-insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(s). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, all information regarding insurance within the Responsive Document has been redacted.

## IV. <u>Right of Review</u>

A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record was treated by the public body as a request for a commercial purpose under Section 3.1 of FOIA may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor ("**PAC**") of the Illinois Attorney General's Office for the limited purpose of reviewing whether the public body properly determined that the request was made for a commercial purpose. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b)). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor Office of the Attorney General 500 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62706 Fax: 217-782-1396 E-mail: <u>publicaccess@atg.state.il.us</u>.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of the partial denial of your Request by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attachments