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Re: Objection to Disclosure of Third Party Proprietary Information
Request #: 26-923
Requestor: CJ Grisham

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 552.305, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. ("Langan") submits this objection to the release of proprietary, confidential, and/or commercially sensitive information contained within documents provided to the City of Temple (the "City") that may be responsive to Public Information Request No. 26-923.

The materials at issue include Langan's fee summaries, cost estimates, pricing data, methodologies, and/or other commercial information ("Proprietary Information").

I. Applicable Exceptions Under the Public Information Act

A. Texas Government Code § 552.110 – Commercial or Financial Information

The Proprietary Information may consist of sensitive commercial and financial data, including:

- fee summaries;
- labor and materials rates;
- cost estimates; and
- proprietary methodologies.

Disclosure of these materials would cause competitive harm to our company. Competitors could use this data to undercut our pricing, replicate proprietary methods, or gain insight into our strategic approach to similar projects. Such harm is what § 552.110 is intended to prevent.

B. Texas Government Code § 552.110 – Trade Secrets

Portions of the documents contain trade secret information, including proprietary pricing and planning methodologies developed through substantial investment. Langan's Proprietary Information meets this definition.

C. Texas Government Code § 552.104 - Information Related to Competition or Bidding

The records also include information related to competition or bidding, including contemplated pricing and strategic methods. Disclosure would disadvantage us in current and future competitive contract procurement initiatives.

II. Identification of Confidential Portions

We ask that the following categories of information must be withheld:

1. Fee summaries;
2. Fee/cost estimates and budgets;
3. labor and materials rates;
4. Methodologies and calculations; and
5. Any document containing or derived from the above information.

To the extent the City provided unredacted versions of these documents to the Attorney General, we request that these specific sections be withheld in full under §§ 552.110 and 552.104.

III. Explanation of Why Release Would Cause Competitive Harm

Disclosure of our fee schedule and associated financial information would:

- place competitors in a position to underbid Langan;
- reveal strategic pricing strategies;
- expose unique techniques, formulas, and processes;
- weaken our negotiating position in both public and private contracting; and
- result in the loss of competitive advantage developed over years of proprietary work.

Such harm would be immediate, direct, and substantial.

IV. Copy Provided to Requestor

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 552.305(e), a copy of this correspondence is being provided simultaneously to the requestor.

V. Conclusion

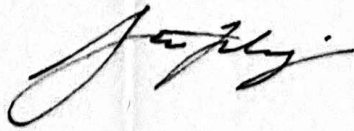
For the reasons stated above, Langan respectfully requests that the Attorney General prohibit disclosure of all fee summaries, fee/cost estimates and/or pricing information contained in the responsive documents pursuant to:

- Texas Government Code §§ 552.110 and 552.104

We appreciate your consideration of this matter. Please contact the undersigned if you would like to discuss this matter further. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc.



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