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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Ms. Carol D. Lyle
Deputy Director
Office of Business & Workforce Diversity
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Re: IDOT/Tollway Disparity Study

Dear Ms. Lyle:

This letter is a follow-up to the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association EEO Committee meeting of October 13, 2009. Thank you for asking Mr. Murphy to send me copies of the Request for Proposal for Disparity Study ("RFP") and the brochure distributed by Mason Tillman Associates ("MTA") at their recent community meetings. The purpose of this letter is to request additional items, some of which were not discussed at the meeting.

Please send me the following:

- Copies of all responses to the RFP received by IDOT or the Tollway;
- A copy of MTA's signed contract with IDOT and with the Tollway to perform the IDOT/Tollway Disparity Study ("the Study");
- Copies of the monthly progress reports required by §4.4.1.1 of the RFP;
- Copies of all documentation pertaining to the methodology employed by MTA for obtaining relevant data and for determining availability of MBE's, WBE's and DBE's, including any proposed, tested and implemented regression analyses;
- The resumes of the all persons responsible for designing the methodologies employed;
- The extent of DBE participation among the subcontractors of MTA on the Study;

- Copies of all draft questionnaires, surveys and other tools utilized for information gathering as well as the final versions of all such information gathering tools, which you have received from MTA pursuant to §4.4.1.2 of the RFP or otherwise;
- Copies of all scoring or evaluation sheets used by the selection committee to evaluate and ultimately decide upon MTA as the vendor for the Study; and
- A list of those persons who served on the selection committee that chose MTA as the vendor for the Study and copies of all notes and minutes of the selection committee's meetings or deliberations. You had indicated at the above meeting that this information is considered confidential. However, the disclosure of this information is important to maintain the high degree of transparency necessary for the success and validity of the Study and any programs that are ultimately based on the Study.

Please provide the legal basis if there is any claim of confidentiality.

Since the Study has been commissioned by both IDOT and the Tollway, I am making the same requests of the Tollway by copy of this letter directed to the Tollway's General Counsel, Thomas Bamonte.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


James R. Dashiell

Cc: Mr. Thomas Bamonte via email and U.S. mail