

Robert Miller

From: David Morrison
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 9:57 AM
To: FOIArequests@eiu.edu
Subject: ICPR FOIA Request for EIU Lobbying Records

Robert L. Miller, General Council
FOIA Information Officer
Eastern Illinois University
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Charleston, Illinois 61920

August 9, 2011

Dear Robert L. Miller,

This is a request for information pursuant to the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140 et seq). We are writing today to request a copy of any of the following:

- (1) contracts entered into by Eastern Illinois University for lobbying Illinois state government between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
- (2) invoices or other billing statements summarizing the work performed or requesting payment submitted to Eastern Illinois University for lobbying Illinois state government between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
- (3) receipts or other financial statements showing payments made by Eastern Illinois University for lobbying state government between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

Records on file with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office indicate that, in the recent past Eastern Illinois University has hired Government Affairs Specialists to lobby before the legislative and executive branches of Illinois government, though those records may be incomplete or inaccurate.

If any records or portion of records are withheld, please state the exemption on which you rely, the basis on which the exemption is invoked, and the address to which an appeal should be addressed.

In some circumstances, Illinois' FOIA allows public bodies to charge a reasonable fee to cover the actual cost of making copies of this information, but the law also allows public bodies to waive fees. We request a waiver of all fees, as the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform is a non-profit under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, our use of this information will not serve any commercial interest. Your reply will form the basis for a follow-up to our annual report, last published in June, 2011, posted to our website and covered extensively in the media, thereby contributing to public understanding of the operations of government. Should you deny our request to waive the copying fee, we ask that you contact us by phone if the fee for these documents will exceed \$15.00.

If your office replies to FOIA requests by e-mail, we would prefer to receive your reply in electronic format. We can be reached at _____ If you do not e-mail FOIA replies, we can be reached at _____

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this request, we can be reached by phone at _____ We look forward to hearing from you within 5 business days.
Sincerely,

David Morrison
Deputy Director

Whitney Woodward
Policy Associate

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Deputy Director
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