



ARCS: 292-30
File: OOP-2014-00425

January 22, 2015

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Office of the Premier. Your request is for:

Relating to the Ernst and Young consulting firm contract that resulted in a document titled BC Public Sector Compensation Review: Copies of any documents discussing the possibility of proceeding with this engagement prior to the letting of the contract including both proposals and internal communications such as memos and e-mails; Any communications between the provincial government and the following organizations relating to the possible creation of this study: The Fraser Institute, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation and the Independent Contractors and Business Association of BC; A copy of the Request for Proposal or any other such document soliciting interest on the part of third parties to participate in the project; A copy of any contracts between the Provincial Government and Ernst and Young relating to this project.

Please find enclosed phase one of your request. Additional records are being processed and will follow under separate cover. Some information has been withheld in the enclosed records pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

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Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request.

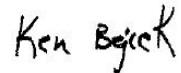
We will respond to you on February 23, 2015, with phase 2 records, unless the Third Party has requested a review with the OIPC.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Matthew Prodan, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 387-3411. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to (250) 387-3411.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Bejcek". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

For:
Cindy Elbahir, Manager
Central Agency Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

cc: Kathie Baker, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.