



ARCS: 292-30  
File: FIN-2011-00079

July 21, 2011

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 Ministry of Finance. You requested:

*Summary of all contracts awarded by the HST Information Office or to support the work of the HST Information Office, including the method of award, the value of the services provided under those contracts and the value of expenses incurred and the specific pages of the contracts that speaks to the services provided and the value of the contract.*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) of FOIPPA. A copy of this section of FOIPPA is provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

Your file is now closed.

As part of the BC Government's new Open Information initiative, this response and the enclosed records will be published on the Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after being received by you. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at:

<http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Krista Jones, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 356-0386. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to (250) 356-0386.

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 cursive script, appearing to read "R Fuller".

Russ Fuller, Manager  
Business and Infrastructure Team  
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<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.

### **Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party**

21. (1) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose to an applicant information
- (a) that would reveal
    - (i) trade secrets of a third party, or
    - (ii) commercial, financial, labour relations, scientific or technical information of or about a third party,
  - (b) that is supplied, implicitly or explicitly, in confidence, and
  - (c) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to
    - (i) harm significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the negotiating position of the third party,
    - (ii) result in similar information no longer being supplied to the public body when it is in the public interest that similar information continue to be supplied,
    - (iii) result in undue financial loss or gain to any person or organization, or
    - (iv) reveal information supplied to, or the report of, an arbitrator, mediator, labour relations officer or other person or body appointed to resolve or inquire into a labour relations dispute.
- (2) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose to an applicant information that was obtained on a tax return or gathered for the purpose of determining tax liability or collecting a tax.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply if
- (a) the third party consents to the disclosure, or
  - (b) the information is in a record that is in the custody or control of the British Columbia Archives or the archives of a public body and that has been in existence for 50 or more years.