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July 28, 2014

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 International Trade (Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism). Your request is for:

A copy of the sole sourced contract with The Executive (Shanghai) Business Services Co. Ltd., for "in market representation for trade promotion and investment related to services in east and north China," valued at \$129,000; the report justifying the sole sourcing of this contract; records about the procurement process (if one took place), including efforts to seek competitive bids and evaluate, assess and rank those bids. Date range is January 1, 2014 to June 16, 2014.

The ministry has advised our office that the contract is a result of an RFP for services in Shanghai. The agreement is in the Province's name as local Chinese companies are assessed a 12% Urban Real Estate Tax (URET); to encourage foreign investment, foreigners are exempt. The main contract references the subleasing relationship with the contractor (the TIR) for this space. The contract was incorrectly placed on the direct award list.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) 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

Your file is now closed.

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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 Murray McComb, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-1371. 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 250-387-1371.

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, appearing to read "MP McComb". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Murray McComb, Information & Privacy Analyst
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.