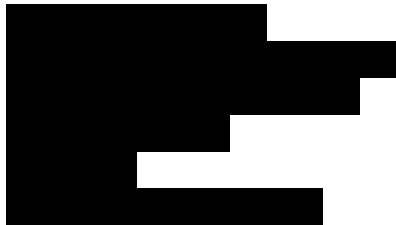


April 19, 2011



Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Access to Information Request No. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for access to information, which was received in this office on March 22, 2011. Payment of the \$5.00 fee was received on March 25, 2011. You requested the following:

1. Documentation of any discussions in correspondence or minutes between April 2009 and September 8, 2009 between any staff at LAO and the [REDACTED]
2. Any and all documentation (including minutes of related meetings and the mandate) related to the tendering and award process that gave an LAO contract to [REDACTED] for a [REDACTED] to be done on the [REDACTED]

At this time, I am enclosing information responsive to your request. The records are divided into two groups, as responsive to each of the numbered sections in the request above. The first group has no exemptions and an index of records is attached. The second group has exempted sections and there are four records for which exemptions have been claimed for the entirety of the record. An index of records is attached for this section as well.

The severances and exemptions have been made pursuant to section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. That section provides as follows:

17. (1) A head shall refuse to disclose a record that reveals a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence implicitly or explicitly, where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to,

- (a) prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

- (b) result in similar information no longer being supplied to the institution where it is in the public interest that similar information continue to be so supplied;
- (c) result in undue loss or gain to any person, group, committee or financial institution or agency; or
- (d) reveal information supplied to or the report of a conciliation officer, mediator, labour relations officer or other person appointed to resolve a labour relations dispute. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 17 (1); 2002, c. 18, Sched. K, s. 6.

Legal Aid Ontario also relies on the following subsections of section 18 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, only in relation to the documents where partial severance has been made:

- 18. (1)** A head may refuse to disclose a record that contains,
- (a) trade secrets or financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that belongs to the Government of Ontario or an institution and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
 - (c) information where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of an institution or the competitive position of an institution;
 - (g) information including the proposed plans, policies or projects of an institution where the disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in premature disclosure of a pending policy decision or undue financial benefit or loss to a person;

I trust this information is of assistance to you. I am responsible for the decision to grant you partial access to these records. You may ask for a review of this decision within 30 days of receiving this letter by writing to: The Information and Privacy Commission/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street West, Suite 1400, Toronto Ontario M4W 1A8, Telephone 1-800-387-0073.

If you decide to request a review of this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following: the file number listed at the beginning of this letter; a copy of this decision letter; and a copy of the original request for information you sent to our institution.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's office. That appeal fee for other than personal information is \$25.00.

Yours truly,

Robert W. Ward
President/CEO