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Dear Ms. Aldredge:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 121374.

You sought an open records decision from this office pursuant to section 552.305 of the act. Consequently, this office notified representatives of Ameritel Pay Phones, Inc. ("Ameritel") that we received your request for an open records decision regarding "the bid response" submitted by Ameritel as well as a copy of "the approved contract" between that company and Travis County. In our letter to Ameritel, this office requested an explanation as to why portions of the information were excepted from public disclosure, with the caveat that its failure to provide us such explanation within a reasonable time would result in this office instructing you to disclose the information.

More than 14 days have elapsed since this office issued the notice, but Ameritel has failed to provide this office with any explanation as to why the requested documents should not be released. Consequently, we have no basis for applying any exceptions to required public disclosure to this information. *See* Open Records Decision No. 552 (1990). Because neither you nor Ameritel has contended to this office that the requested information should be withheld, you should release

the information at this time. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Ref: ID# 121374

Enclosures: Submitted documents

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