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Dear Ms. Harden:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 521606 (OAG PIR No. 14-38186).

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") received a request for all semi-annual review reports concerning the TXCSES 2.0 project. You state you have released some information. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under section 552.139 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. See Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

Section 552.139 of the Government Code provides, in part:

(a) Information is excepted from [required public disclosure] if it is information that relates to computer network security, to restricted information under Section 2059.055 [of the Government Code], or to the design, operation, or defense of a computer network.

(b) The following information is confidential:

...

(2) any other assessment of the extent to which data processing operations, a computer, a computer program, network, system, or system interface, or software of a governmental body or of a contractor of a governmental body is vulnerable to unauthorized access or harm, including an assessment of the extent to which the governmental body's or contractor's electronically stored information containing sensitive or critical information is vulnerable to alteration, damage, erasure, or inappropriate use[.]

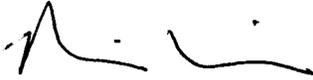
Gov't Code § 552.139(a), (b)(2). You state the OAG's Child Support Division is implementing a new automated child support enforcement system, and substantial controls have been implemented. You explain the University of Texas at Austin's Advanced Research in Software Engineering Center assesses whether the system is adhering to and using the industry's best standards and practices. You explain the marked portions of the submitted information relate to computer network security and reveal the potential vulnerabilities in the system's design, operation, or defense. Based on these representations and our review of the information, we find the OAG has demonstrated the information it marked relates to computer network security; the design, operation, or defense of a computer network; or an assessment of the extent to which software of a contractor of a governmental body is vulnerable to unauthorized access or harm. Accordingly, the OAG must withhold the information it marked under section 552.139.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for

providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie J. Villars', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Melanie J. Villars  
Assistant Attorney General  
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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)