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OR2015-09881

Dear Ms. Ayala:

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# 564456 (OGC No. 160695).

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (the "university") received a request for three specified contracts. You state you have released some information to the requestor. Although you take no position as to whether the remaining requested information is excepted from public disclosure under the Act, you state release of the submitted information may implicate the proprietary interests of Brazoria County (the "county"). Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified the county of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested third party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the county or any other third party explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the submitted information must be released.

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,



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