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Dear Mr. Garcia:

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# 570280.

The Region 10 Education Service Center ("Region 10"), which you represent, received a request for information related to request for proposals number 2015-02. You state Region 10 has released some of the requested information. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of the submitted information may implicate the proprietary interests of ANR Consulting Group, Inc. ("ANR"); ClarusTec, Inc. ("ClarusTec"); Gemini Communications ("Gemini"); Harris County Department of Education (the "department"); Link America, L.L.C. ("Link"); Pedigo Staffing Services ("Pedigo"); and Yoodle, L.L.C. ("Yoodle"). Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified ANR, ClarusTec, Gemini, Link, Pedigo, and Yoodle of the request for information and of the right of each to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.305(d); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 542 (1990) (statutory predecessor to section 552.305 permits governmental body to rely on interested third party to raise and explain applicability of exception in the Act in certain circumstances). Additionally, you provide documentation showing you have notified the department of its right to submit comments to this office why some of the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

An interested third party is allowed ten business days after the date of its receipt of the governmental body's notice under section 552.305(d) to submit its reasons, if any, as to why information relating to that party should be withheld from public disclosure. *See* Gov't Code § 552.305(d)(2)(B). As of the date of this letter, we have not received comments from ANR, ClarusTec, Gemini, the department, Link, Pedigo, or Yoodle explaining why the submitted information should not be released. Therefore, we have no basis to conclude either ANR, ClarusTec, Gemini, the department, Link, Pedigo, or Yoodle has a protected proprietary interest in the submitted information. *See id.* § 552.110; Open Records Decision Nos. 661 at 5-6 (1999) (to prevent disclosure of commercial or financial information, party must show by specific factual evidence, not conclusory or generalized allegations, that release of requested information would cause that party substantial competitive harm), 552 at 5 (1990) (party must establish *prima facie* case that information is trade secret), 542 at 3. Accordingly, Region 10 may not withhold the submitted information on the basis of any proprietary interest ANR, ClarusTec, Gemini, the department, Link, Pedigo, or Yoodle may have in the information. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, Region 10 must release the submitted information.

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, 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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